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FANNIE'S FLIRTATION

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A CONTINUED STORY IN TEN CHAPTERS

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

Archibald Lathrop returning from a fishing expedition in the East, becomes acquainted, through an accident, with Fannie Nettleton, a wealthy New York girl just out of school. The coach breaks down and some time is consumed in procuring another vehicle to carry them to the cars. Three years later Fannie is taking part in private theatricals at a friend's house. The son of the house, who has been in the army, returns with a broken arm. He proves to be none other than our hero of the coach, although he is not recognized by Fannie. Thinking she has grown worldly and vain, he does not make himself known. Some days later she overhears a conversation between him and a friend in which he expresses his opinion of her very freely.

In answer to a summons from her sister to return home at once because she has been reported as carrying on a flirtation with Archibald Lathrop, Fannie, much humiliated and highly indignant at Mr. Lathrop's opinion of her, goes back to the city, and, later, does penance by waiting on a maiden aunt suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

Meanwhile Mr. Lathrop falls heir to a fortune and Fannie's sister begins to think she made a mistake in interfering, but Fannie persistently refuses to go into society where she will be likely to meet him.

CHAPTER VI.

WESTWARD, HO!

June came, and aunt Seraphina had an idea.

The doctor recommended change of air; and as to Newport, and Saratoga, and the Branch, she was sick of them all, and she wanted something entirely new. She was determined to travel.

Fanny found her one morning, industriously poring over the map of the United States, with the aid of her eye-glass, and tracing the St. Clair river into the lake of the same, thence to Lake Huron, and floating along the shore of mighty Superior with a sagacious look of comprehension, as though she had been over the ground, or rather the water, many times before.

"Fanny," said her aunt, intent upon her occupation, "I have decided to spend the summer at Marquette, as a sort of head-quarters; and I find that we can easily make excursions from thence to the Pictured Rocks, and Grand Island, and the places around, without being hampered by fashion, or dress or any of the conventionalities of life; and such a summer will be really refreshing—just what I want."

Fanny was involuntarily reminded of "Mrs. Skewerton" by this unwonted outburst, and she dutifully tried to repress a smile. She was delighted, though, with the prospect of Lake Superior for a summer feast, and the distant chance of "camping out" among Indians, and hermits, and all sorts of charmingly fresh and original people, who flourish away from the haunts of civilization. For she, too, was disgusted with Saratoga & Co.; she had discovered that the world was hollow; and that dolls were stuffed with saw-dust; and to go where she would not see any one whom she had ever seen before was just what she desired. They were going, too, without being hampered by a party, who would always have been wanting to go in wrong directions, and making themselves generally disagreeable; Mr. Chalmers would see them safely in the cars for Detroit; and after that, they could trust to the gallant care of the lake captains, upon whom seems to have fallen the mantle of the mediæval chivalry.

The whole proceeding was not at all in keeping with Miss Seraphina's usual course; but even the most commonplace characters show occa-

sional glimpses of elevation, and inflammatory rheumatism had done wonders for her.

Fanny entered on the excursion under protest from sister Cornelia, who thought it "absurd to waste one of her best summers in the wilderness," and mournfully declared that there was no knowing what chance she might lose; but Fanny was inexorable, and commenced the journey with all the zest of a child. She soon became convinced, though, that there were more agreeable traveling companions in the world than aunt Seraphina, who invariably went to bed, at every stopping-place, with a sick headache, and in answer to Fanny's inquiries, turned her face to the wall, and said that all she wanted was to be let alone.

However, they got on very well, and found themselves, in due time, on board the steamer "Illinois," bound for Marquette. There was a voyage of two or three days before them, and scenes of beauty at every sunrise. The Sault Ste. Marie, with its fairy isles—the waters of Lake Huron, so darkly, deeply, beautifully green—and the storied waves of Superior, with their memories of the martyr missionary, old French broils, and the musical flow of "Hiawatha"—all these things set Fanny dreaming, and made even Miss Seraphina as enthusiastic as she knew how to be. But the old Adam was very active at the slightest approach to annoyance or discomfort; and the captain bravely accepted that three days' trial as a righteous punishment for some unknown sin that doubtless stood in need of correction.

The pretty little town of Marquette looked most inviting in the soft rays of moonlight—for the boat landed there at the witching hour of twelve; and Miss Seraphina and her niece, and a surly, old bachelor, who had made the trip with them, proceeded to the hotel. It was not an imposing structure; and the sleepy landlord—who was a very Hercules, but laboring under the disadvantages of a very hasty, and rather incomplete toilet, with a fist in either eye—had to be routed from his comfortable bed to provide for the wants of the travelers.

"I am accustomed to hair mattresses," began Miss Seraphina, "square pillows, and linen bedding. Two large, airy rooms will be required, and plenty of towels."

"I don't care about going up stairs," growled the old bachelor, "and I should like to be provided with a parlor."

Fanny, forgetting that she was no longer a school-

girl, giggled, and waited for the next announcement; while the landlord was astonished enough to open his eyes to their natural width, wondering inwardly whether his visitors had escaped from a lunatic asylum, or whether they had innocently and unsuspectingly gone to sleep at the Fifth Avenue hotel, and awakened in this distant region without being conscious of the change.

After surveying them contemplatively for a few moments, the ladies were requested to walk up stairs, where the only requisition of Miss Seraphina's that received honorable attention was the airiness, which was well provided for by two missing panes of glass, and certain glimmerings through the clap-boards. The old bachelor, who "didn't care about going up stairs," was asked if he preferred spending the night on the sofa in the parlor; and, with a dissenting growl, he ascended skyward, and was securely packed into one of those dens that are reserved as the purgatories of single men. The one hotel was well filled; and late comers had to take what was left for them.

Miss Seraphina marched straight to the bed, turned down the counterpane, pinched the mattress, and groaned.

"I never slept on straw in my life!" she exclaimed; "I cannot possibly do it!"

Fanny made an examination, which resulted in the conviction that small twigs had been adjusted, with the soft side up, and covered with ticking; but she said "moss" quite positively, and the poor lady accepted that as an improvement on straw. "Square" the pillows were not, and resembled, in shape, the India-rubber pillows that require blowing up; Miss Seraphina suggested that, in making them, they had forgotten the feathers. "Linen!"—cotton would have been a blessed improvement on the canvas that was sandwiched between bed and counterpane.

"No matter," said Fanny, cheerfully, "we must live out-of-doors—that is what we came for, you know; and we shall get so strong and robust that we can even sleep on the bare ground."

Her aunt was not much comforted by this suggestion; but she did the most sensible thing, under the circumstances, which was to retire to her couch.

This free, new life was perfectly delightful; the people at the hotel were generally agreeable, and Miss Seraphina almost forgot to grumble. The first view of the Pictured Rocks, with their bright colors glowing in the sunshine, was like a glimpse of fairy-land; and

there were so many beautiful things to be seen, with the help of a boat, that Fanny learned almost to live on the water. Cornelia, at Saratoga, sighed over the enthusiastic letters, that were filled with glowing accounts of all sorts of beau-les excursions; but never a hint of the appearance or expectation of any desirable escort. The old bachelor, Mr. Siggs, had taken to trotting around after the two ladies very much in the fashion of a Newfoundland dog; and Miss Seraphina, having been informed that he was a wealthy, but eccentric, Bostonian, encouraged his attentions—if attentions they could be called—which consisted in long accounts of his annoyances and disappointments. Fanny had become completely disgusted with him; but her aunt pronounced him "a very

June.

WILL S. GIDLEY.

Where bees and birds and insects thrive,
The trees a leaf with greenest hue
Down hillsides clad with verdure new
The babbling brooklets dance in tune—
And this is June!

Each garden filled with blossoms rare,
A subtle fragrance in the air
Of new mown hay and roses fair
With pure delight our senses swoon—
And this is June!

All nature now one busy hive,
A sky of deep, intensest blue;
And praise the Lord that they're alive,
From morn till fades the afternoon—
And this is June!

The sun sheds now its softest rays
O'er hills enwrapped with purple hue;
Each week is filled with perfect days—
Days that, alas! end all too soon—
And this is June!

sensible man—only a little odd, as any man with three hundred thousand dollars had a right to be." The truth is, poor Miss Seraphina had realized the exceeding loneliness of being alone during that rheumatic siege; and she determined, if a favorable chance occurred for bettering her condition, she would improve it to the best of her ability. Mr. Siggs appeared to be that chance; and he found himself so much more appreciated than usual, that he was almost sure to form a third in all their excursions.

After thoroughly enjoying the beauties of Marquette, it was decided to spend some weeks at Grand Island; and a short trip by steamer conveyed the party thither. This perfect elysium well repaid any amount of trouble; and there was so much to see, and so many places to visit, that Miss Seraphina sighed for the youthful elasticity of body and mind which enabled Fanny to climb rocks, and bear long marches, with utter exemption from anything like fatigue.

CHAPTER VII.

AN ILL WIND THAT BLEW NOBODY ANY GOOD.

One day, they came upon an adventure.

Mr. Siggs, Miss Seraphina, and Fanny, started, by boat, on a sort of picnic, or camping out, intending to visit the beautiful waterfall at Grand Island City, and possibly spend a night somewhere on the romantic shore.

Two boatmen were engaged to do the hard work; and these sturdy lake men and Fanny were the only individuals of the party who were at all fitted for the expedition. A lady of Miss Seraphina's years, who had, moreover, just recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism, or "neuralgia," as she persisted in calling it to Mr. Siggs, would certainly have been better off at home; and as to Mr. Siggs, he would always have been better off there—provided there was no one else at home to be annoyed by him.

However they were bent on going, and they went. Miss Seraphina took the precaution to have a mattress and some blankets conveyed to the boat, in case of the camping out; and plenty of food, and some tin utensils were added to the freight. Miss Seraphina likewise brought an umbrella—at which Fanny laughed, as an unromantic addition to a gipsying party; but it afterwards proved to be the very thing they stood most in need of.

They started with a fair sky; but, after awhile, the boatmen "didn't like the looks of that ugly cloud in the west—they were afraid it meant mischief." Sure enough it did; and once well on in the lake, the storm came on. Such a storm! It poured, and blowed, and the boat rocked, and Miss Seraphina screamed, and grew deadly sick; and Mr. Siggs, of no earthly use on that or any other occasion, tied his handkerchief down over his ears, as if to keep them from blowing off—and shrieked, through the storm, a vast number of things that were excellent for sea-sickness, but as impossible to obtain, then and there, as a stationary foundation for the rocking boat.

Poor Fanny did her best, and the boatmen did their best; but tacking for hours, to make an impassable shore, is very slow work. They did finally contrive to drag the boat to land; and then a hasty tent, composed of the sails, was pitched amid a clump of trees, and the mattress and blankets disposed therein; while the men lifted out Miss Seraphina, more dead than alive—and Fanny, rather to her surprise and consternation, was grasped and landed by Mr. Siggs.

The trio adjourned to the rather uninviting tent, which was one of the largest, and had, besides, the advantage of leaking extensively; while the boatmen did the best they could for themselves with a couple of old blankets fastened to the accommodating trunks of trees. The lightning came down in dazzling sheets of flame, and the thunder reverberated through the forest; it seemed as if the whole fury of the elements had been let loose on the unfortunate adventurers.

Miss Seraphina seemed to recover miraculously as soon as her feet touched *terra firma*, and, unmindful of the presence of Mr. Siggs, she relieved herself by scolding Fanny vigorously for having projected the excursion. A continual dripping of rain on her shoulder diverted the current of her wrath, and, putting up the umbrella, she requested Mr. Siggs to hold it, while she adjusted herself to better advantage.

"Thank you," said that gentleman, gratefully, elevating the valuable article over his own head.

Miss Seraphina was quite confounded at this misapprehension of her wishes; and Fanny could scarcely restrain her merriment as she glanced from her aunt's troubled face to Mr. Siggs' countenance of stolid satisfaction. Poor Miss Nettleton tried to console herself with a tin pan, which she held up to catch the young Niagara that came bursting through the crevices, presenting a comical picture of distress strangely at variance with the sublimity of the storm.

An hour or two passed in this manner, when one of the boatmen came to the front of the tent and said, that a strange gentleman, who had been caught in the storm, stood outside, but would not disturb the ladies until permission had been obtained for him to enter.

"Let him come in, by all means!" exclaimed Fanny warmly. "No human creature should be exposed to a storm like this."

"Dear me! Fanny," grumbled her aunt, "it is not so very agreeable receiving strangers when one looks like a perfect fright!" and Mr. Siggs facetiously suggested that the stranger should be requested to suspend himself from the roof.

But the intruder stood before them—a tall, well-proportioned figure, dressed in a rough hunting-garb that, instead of being disfiguring, seemed to borrow grace from the wearer. Placing his gun in a corner, he advanced to the ladies, cap in hand; but Fanny, who had risen to welcome him to their meager quarters, feeling doubtful of the civility of her aunt and Mr. Siggs, suddenly drew back in surprise and annoyance—and then recovered herself, and stood still. The last man whom she would have expected to see! And certainly the last whom she wanted to see.

But Archibald Lathrop joyously grasped her unwilling hand—for a slight acquaintance seems like an intimate friend when unexpectedly encountered in a strange, far-away region—and expressed his pleasure at the meeting so warmly that it was impossible to be as distant as she had intended. He turned toward the thin, elderly lady, huddled so forlornly on the mattress, and Fanny introduced, "My aunt, Miss Nettleton;" and "My aunt, Miss Nettleton," attempted some of the graces of her city manner, and failed miserably. Mr. Siggs proved to be an old acquaintance; but no particular delight at the encounter was manifested on either side.

Mr. Lathrop made his apologies for the intrusion in so gentlemanly a manner; he had been out, he said, on a solitary shooting expedition, and, overtaken by the storm on his way back to Goat Island, he could not resist the temptation of seeking the only shelter he saw in that lonely region; that Miss Seraphina was quite fascinated, and devoutly hoped that he might prove a safe acquaintance for Fanny. That young lady's demeanor to Mr. Lathrop was quite a puzzle to her aunt; she was so evidently desirous to remain in

rop, that Fanny was quite at a loss to answer them.

"Young, rich, and handsome," enumerated her aunt, complacently. "I declare, Fanny, you are a lucky girl to get him all to yourself out here in the wilderness. One appears to ten times the advantage where everything around is so wild and primitive—and if you don't accomplish something worth doing, before this trip is over, I think I shall discard you."

"Aunt Seraphina," said Fanny, with so much pain in her face and voice, that her aunt was more than ever puzzled, "I believe you love me a little—and if you do, you will not speak to me of Mr. Lathrop again. He and I can never be more to each other than we are at present—and my views on these subjects have changed since last year. I will never *flirt* with any man again; and I agree with Themistocles, that it is better to marry a man without money than money without a man."

Miss Seraphina made no further remark, not seeing the advantage of arguing with Fanny in her present mood; but that did not prevent her from *acting*—and Lathrop was amused, and Fanny infuriated, at the flimsy manoeuvres that were constantly perpetrated to throw them together.

Lathrop had taken up his quarters at the same house; and there seemed to Fanny to be no getting rid of him. She felt that he was studying her, and this was exasperating. Poor Mr. Siggs was quite bewildered by her flattering attentions, and, in a moment of intoxicated vanity, he laid himself and fortune at her feet. The extent of the latter was very carefully explained to her; but Fanny, reproaching herself for having led the poor man astray in a selfish consideration for her own convenience, gently declined the proffered honor.

The very gentleness, however, emboldened Mr. Siggs to make another attempt by applying to the aunt; and Miss Seraphina, under the pleasing delusion that she was receiving a tribute to her own charms, listened graciously to Mr. Siggs' disjointed harangue, until she became painfully aware that the old simpleton had set his affections on Fanny. They parted in mutual disgust, and that very day Mr. Siggs turned his back on Grand Island, under the angry conviction that Archibald Lathrop had been the stumbling-block in his way. Fanny rather regretted his departure, as it would throw her more than ever, into the society of the person whom she wished to avoid.

CHAPTER VIII.

WHICH CONTAINS SEVERAL INCIDENTS.

Aunt Seraphina was very much charmed with Mr. Lathrop. There was an agreeable deference in his manner to everything that bore the stamp of womanhood, that showed him to be a true gentleman; and his interesting stories of camp and army life were appreciated in a place where artificial amusements were not.

"I am so glad!" exclaimed Fanny, unguardedly, one evening, "that you went back to the army after—" She stopped short in confusion, provoked at herself for the interest she had manifested, as well as knowledge of his affairs.

He waited for her to finish the sentence; but as she remained silent, he added: "After I received an accession of fortune, I suppose you mean. As I did not enter the army for either profit or pleasure, this of course, could make no difference."

Fanny's lips were closed until bed-time; but a laughing light danced in the dark eyes that regarded her from an opposite corner; and aunt Seraphina scolded her soundly, when they were alone, for "her provoking indifference to that handsome Mr. Lathrop." And Lathrop believed that he had found the little girl of the woods again; and concluded that, as Fanny had evidently passed through a course of discipline and improvement, she deserved to be rewarded.

That young lady was very much given to going off, by herself, on solitary excursions, eluding the escort that aunt Seraphina would have fastened upon her with an adroitness that amused, while it perplexed, Lathrop.

It was one of those August mornings that seem to combine the freshness of June with the invigorating breezes of September; and Fanny Nettleton, attired, not in the everlasting white dress which heroines wear in the woods, and which never gets "draggled," and never gets torn—but in a good, sensible, gray material, especially calculated for the chilly atmosphere of the lakes, that fitted her slight figure to perfection, and was finished by a linen collar, and knot of blue ribbon—took her hat from the convenient peg in the hall, and sallied forth for an hour or two in the grand old woods, whose outer trees were kissed by the waters of the lake. The hat was as sensible as the dress, with a good, serviceable brim, that shaded a face whose bright glow of health and happiness required no external adornment.

The young lady carried a book, of course, as no modern rambler is complete without that appendage; and after wandering awhile, and gathering a few of the beautiful pebbles that sprinkle that shore, she threw herself down against a broad-backed tree, and roamed with "Hiawatha" through the very scenery on which she was gazing. She had just smiled at the account of the warrior who was guilty of the impropriety of throwing his grandmother against the moon,

"Right against the moon he threw her."

when, looking up, at a slight rustling of the leaves,

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Cherokee Roses.

ELEANOR A. HUNTER.

Roses, roses, roses!

White as the drift of the driven snow,

White as the heart which a cloud uncloses,

When the west wind sings to it soft and low.

Roses white as the foam on the water,

When the long wave lifts itself to the sky.

White as a dove's breast when (love taught her)

She turns toward the sun and her mate is nigh.

Roses, roses, roses!

Pearling the hedgerows, rugged and old;

Deep in each elegant heart reposes

Hidden sweets 'mid the powdery gold.

Roses that cling to the pines like laces;

Roses twining the mock-birds' nest,

Roses in lonely and lovely places,

Haunted by silence and peace and rest.

Roses, roses, roses!

The old stone porch of the hall they climb,

And down by the river the cabin door is

Wreathed with roses in roses' time.

Lover of earth and our heart's desire,

One perfect bloom in my hand I close,

Woven of light, of air, of fire,

Who but God could make for us—a rose?

the background, and so very distant and dignified, when obliged to come forward, that she scarcely seemed like herself.

Mr. Lathrop explained that he had left the army, at the expiration of his term of service, on account of ill health; and he had taken a solitary Western trip to idle out-of-doors, and recover his strength. He certainly did not look at all delicate; and it was difficult to associate the idea of ill health with that well-knit frame. He was settled on Goat Island, then, Fanny thought; and they would, probably, have the pleasure of his society as long as they remained. How careful she would be of every word and look! And to Mr. Siggs' great delight, she immediately turned all her attention to him, and left the new-comer to aunt Seraphina. It would do no harm to be gracious to him, that lady thought, until she discovered his exact position; and Mr. Lathrop was entertained accordingly.

It stormed furiously all that night, and all the next morning; and the party in the tent had reason to be thankful that their supply of provisions was a bountiful one. At noon, on the second day, the elements seemed to have exhausted themselves; and an hour or two afterward, the boatmen were making preparations for departure.

Mr. Lathrop was agreeably surprised at the evident change for the better in his quondam acquaintance, Miss Fanny; and he could not but admire the respectful patience with which she bore her aunt's ill-humor and annoying ways. He began to think his friend, Langthorne, was right in pronouncing her a charming girl; although he wondered very much what had caused her extreme coldness to himself.

The return trip was happily effected without accident of any description; and once safe in the precincts of their own apartments, Miss Seraphina poured such a flood of questions upon her niece, respecting Mr. Lath-

Home Dressmaking HINTS BY MAY MANTON.



Child's Bishop Dress 4981

For the Coming Warm Days.

As illustrated the dress is of ring dotted lawn, with yoke and cuffs of plain white embroidered and finished with fancy stitching, but there are countless other combinations equally satisfactory. Also when liked the frock can be made high at the neck and with long sleeves. The quantity of material required for a child of four years is $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27, 3 yards 32 or 2 yards 44 inches wide with $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for yoke and cuffs.



5002 Confirmation or Graduation Dress,
12 to 16 years.

TO BE MADE WITH ELBOW OR LONG SLEEVES, WITH OR WITHOUT THE FITTED LINING.

Two events that mark the young girl's life are her confirmation and her graduation, for each of which she requires a simple yet attractive frock. Here is one well adapted to both and that can be made from any suitable material, sheer mull, lawn, dotted muslins and the like and also of the simple silks which is well liked for both occasions. In this instance the little chemisette is lace and the trimming is banding of lace with ruchings of the material, but this also can be varied, embroidered or tucking being used if a simpler effect is desired, while again the sleeves can be made full length if preferred.

The dress is as simple as it is attractive and can be made either with or without the smoothly fitted waist lining as material renders desirable. The skirt is full and graceful, made with a straight, upper portion and straight flounce. The flounce is shirred at its upper edge and joined to the

skirt, which again is shirred and arranged over a foundation yoke. At the waist is a draped belt, which preferably would be made of some soft silk.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (14 years) is $9\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, $7\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or 5 yards 44 inches wide, with $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of all-over lace for the chemisette, $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards of insertion, $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of silk for belt and $8\frac{1}{2}$ yards of ruching.

The pattern 5002 is cut in sizes for misses of 12, 14 and 16 years of age.

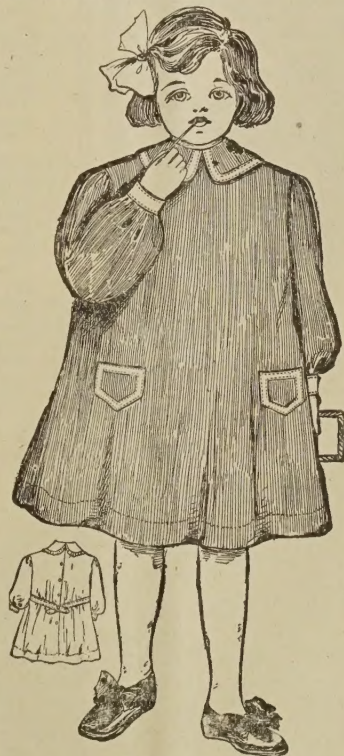


Sailor Blouse Waist 4970

The model illustrated includes the very newest sleeves that are gathered fat the shoulders and plaited at the cuffs, and a collar which is broad and square. As illustrated the material is whitelinen trimmed with braid, the shield and collar being made of tucking, but all materials suited to waists of the sort are equally correct.

The waist is made with fronts and back and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams and closed at the centre front. The collar finishes the neck and front edges and the chemisette is arranged under it, closing at the back. The sleeves are in one piece each, finished with straight cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, 4 yards 27 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide with $\frac{1}{2}$ yards 18 inches wide for shield and collar. The pattern 4970 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Child's Apron 4944

Blue Chambray With Bands of White

This apron is both simple and serviceable and is adapted to all suitable fabrics, but, as illustrated, is made of blue chambray with bands of white, simply stitched at their edges. To make it for a girl of six years of age will be required $2\frac{1}{4}$ yards of material 27 or 2 yards 36 inches wide.



Gathered Shirt Waist 4953

TO BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT THE APPLIED YOKE AND FITTED LINING.

The waist consists of the fitted lining which can be used or omitted as material renders desirable, fronts, back and yoke, the yoke also being optional. The sleeves are in shirt waist style with wide cuffs and there is a turn-over collar at the neck that is attached to the neck-band by means of button holes and studs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 yards 21 or 27 inches wide or 2 yards 44 inches wide.

The pattern 4953 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Wrapper or House Gown With Round
Yoke 4902

TO BE MADE WITH TURN-OVER OR STANDING COLLAR AND WITH OR WITHOUT THE FITTED LINING.

This House Gown is exceptionally desirable and is adapted both to washable fabrics and to those of wool but as illustrated is made of lawn, the yoke being of embroidery and the trimming of wash ribbon, and the lining being omitted. The long lines provided by the folds of the gown are very generally becoming, and the sleeves in shirt waist style are among the most satisfactory of the season.

The gown is made with a fitted foundation, fronts and back, the lining being faced to form the yoke and cut off on indicated lines when not desired. The closing is made invisibly at the front and the yoke is finished with the roll-over collar. The sleeves are in one piece each, gathered into straight cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is $9\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27, $8\frac{1}{2}$ yards 32 or 6 yards 44 inches wide, with $\frac{1}{2}$ yards 18 inches wide for yoke and $8\frac{1}{2}$ yards of banding.

The pattern 4902 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inch bust measure.

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A Fete of Roses.

BY NELLE SPANGLER MUSTAIN.

One of the pleasantest social events we have ever attended was a Fete of Roses, given by our country friend Mrs. Y. The home of the Y's had long been the admiration of their fellow-town-people, being one of the oldest residences in the country round about, located in the outskirts of the village, set in spacious grounds, surrounded by trees and shrubbery. Its roses were the wonder and delight of the whole village, radiating as they did, from the old-time cabbage roses to the newest novelty of modern culture. From the abundance of this store Mrs. Y decided to give, for the happiness of her friends.

Much wonder was expressed, among the villagers, when the little white missives arrived, bidding them welcome to a "Fete of Roses."

Meantime Mrs. Y. assisted by her daughters, proceeded to decorate the old house, until it appeared a veritable rose paradise. A color scheme was planned and followed vigorously. The reception-room was a fairy bower of white and green, the decorations consisting of white roses and maiden-hair fern.

The parlors were a study, one in pink, the other in yellow. The decorations of the dining-room were in red. The deep rich red of the old-fashioned "velvet rose."

The color scheme was centered in the tables, where tall crystal glasses, resting on mirrors, and filled with long sprays of the roses with their natural foliage formed the central decoration. The lamps were softened by red paper shades. Scattered over the snowy linen at irregular intervals were single roses. The effect was most beautiful.

The receiving party were gowned in white and wore no decorations, except the pale pink sweet-brier roses, on corsage and in the hair. Each daughter also wore a bouquet of these roses.

The rose idea was not restricted to the decoration of the rooms, but also became a feature of the entertainment of the guests. Before the announcement of the refreshments, two young girls, dressed as flower-girls, appeared, each bearing a tray, one heaped with pink buds, the other with full-blown white roses. Each rose bore fastened to its stem a tiny scrap of paper, bearing a number.

The roses were presented to the ladies, the buds to the gentlemen. The hostess now explained that the numbers held by the gentlemen were duplicated by those held by the ladies, and that by searching for his "mate," the gentleman would find the lady he was to escort to the dining-room. Then a merry search ensued. At last all were mated, when they repaired to the dining-room, where a dainty lunch was served.

Each place was marked by a single square of pasteboard, bearing the name of the guest, and the following quotation from a poem of Robert Herrick:—

"Gather ye rose-buds while ye may,
Old Time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles today,
Tomorrow may be dying."

At the conclusion of the lunch a rose game was played. Pencils and paper were provided the guests and each wrote the answers to the Rose Game. The guest having first correctly completed the game, won the prize. Following is the game:—

1. An old lady's comfort. (Tea.)
2. A Frenchman's pride and glory. (LaFrance.)
3. What our young men seek. (American Beauties.)
4. A rural beauty. (Queen of the Prairie.)
5. A pigmy. (Dwarf.)
6. A dressmaker's companion. (Thimble.)
7. An artistic rose. (Raphael.)
8. A literary rose. (Spencer.)
9. A wedding attendant. (Maid of Honor.)
10. A term applied to dull people. (Cabbage.)

The next game was a Rose Guess. A vase containing a single large rose was placed on a table; each guest then recorded a guess as to the number of petals the rose contained. After all guesses were registered the petals were

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The Roses

BY DANSKE DANDRIDGE.



OWN the lane wandered the maiden fair,
And plucked the wild roses, here and there:
Fair were the roses in their bloom;
Fresh and sweet was their faint perfume.
She gathered the buds of the sweet-briar wild,
And wreathed her flowers like a happy child.
The finch sang softly, the thrush sang high;
The breezes murmured a low reply:
Flushed with bloom was the wild-rose tree,
Flushed with a lovelier bloom was she.

In the rose-garden the maiden stands,
And twines the blossoms with loving hands.
Bright are the roses in their prime:
Bright is the golden summer time.
Golden the roses, golden the hours,
For love has found her among the flowers.
She hears the red-bird call his mate;
She hears the coo of the brooding dove;
The oriole warbles his song, elate,
And life is a golden dream of love.
Down by the river, at daylight's close,
The young girl sits with her lover there:
Rich is the flush of the dark red rose
That is twined in the braids of her sunny hair.
Sweet is the breath of the perfect flower,
Sweet is her lover's raptured kiss:
Her life is crowned with its perfect hour;
Her heart is thrilled with a perfect bliss.
Deep grow the shadows; the air grows chill;
Weird is the cry of the whip-poor-will.

White and silent the maiden lies:
White and still is the shaded room;
Closed to earth are her curtained eyes:
Sweet is the air with a faint perfume.
White are the roses on her breast;
White is the soul of the maid at rest;
Drop a tear on her lovely brow;
Naught of earth can stain her now.

Strew, where they lay her, the roses fair;
Plant the wild sweet-briar at her head;
And let the golden roses there
Upon her grave their splendor shed.
There let the deep red roses glow;
There let the lonely whip-poor-will
Still as the summers come and go,
With plaintive call the ether thrill;
And plant the white rose on her breast:
Lovelier, purer, than all the rest.

Jean Viand Geranium.

By Mrs. J. T. Lansden.

There is hardly a geranium at this date which surpasses the Jean Viand. Its roots are not large and the weight of the stalk is often the cause of its toppling over unless well supported, for the body of the geranium is very thick and the leaves are immense, of a solid green, rather dark in color. The blossom is simply grand! The color is clear pink and two petals have a white eye at the base, the other three are solid color. If each floret when spread be covered with a silver dollar, there will remain about an eighth of an inch showing outside the coin. Some of the florets are semi-double, although the geranium is called a single variety.

The entire cluster of blossoms when out could not be covered by a quart measure. The plant is very sturdy and throws out many branches but the slips are rather hard to start as they are liable to rot off before they have time to root.

A good plan is to put the slip in a can by itself. The stem should be slit and a grain of oats inserted, slips being watered just enough to keep moist without retaining too much moisture. The groupings of certain geraniums add much to their beauty. There are some that are much finer alone in their glory and the Jean Viand is one of these.

Mrs. E. G. Hill is a beautiful geranium but it loses its beauty of growth near the Jean Viand, as its salmon pink is dull in contrast with that of its clear companion.

I have thought out a combination that I intend trying another year. In the center of a small half-barrel sunk in the ground will be placed several Jean Viand geraniums; these will be surrounded by pure white Marguerites and around the base of these will be planted a plant whose name has been given me as the Rose of Heaven. I have never seen that name listed in catalogues but certainly it is appropriate for the dainty, single flower of one of those elusive shades that come out pink and then turn to light lavender.

It has small, long leaves and has rather a vin-ing habit, making it a good plant next to the stately Marguerites and the grand Jean Viand.

The Jean Viand would be just the geranium to cultivate in California where the plants grow to such size that they reach to the second story. Then words indeed would fail to describe it.

The Winter Window Garden

By Laura Jones

It will not do to wait until fall to begin preparation for the window garden. Slips will not be a success. One should begin in the early spring to procure plants and to root slips, and grow them through the summer.

In most window gardens the heliotrope is a complete failure; so is also the hibiscus and oftentimes the geranium. There are some plants that will grow with very little artificial heat and others that require very little sunlight, so, if you can not give your green house plants greenhouse privileges, it is best to leave them alone, and procure plants that will not only live, but grow and bloom in the ordinary window garden.

One usually wants trailing plants for baskets and side brackets, and for this purpose the Boston fern, Russellia Grandiflora and Asparagus Sprengeri are excellent if procured early and grown through the summer; then they are large enough to make some display during the winter.

Carnations procured now will make blooming plants by February or March of another year.

I recently saw a most beautiful display of Begonias in a window but this was in a very warm room. There is very little satisfaction to be had of the Begonia in a low temperature.

In making your plans be sure to include some bit of greenery for cut flowers. The Smilax grows well in the ordinary window garden and can be easily grown from seed, but will make little display before the second year.



To-Day.

BY CARABEL LEWIS MUNGER.

How can you say that the summer is late,
When the lilies are blossoming down by the gate—
And the vines are all trailing—
And the butterflies sailing—
And the bluebird is lifting her lay,
Her lay—the bluebird is lifting her lay?
The buds in her nest have each bloomed to a bird,
Like a chime of bells ringing the brooklet is heard,
In a garland the swallows are dipping;
The bees at the clover are sipping;
Why not be happy to-day—to-day?
Why not be happy to-day?

Strong enough! brave enough! steadfast of soul,
Just over yonder, behold it—your goal!
Look! all the storm-clouds are lifting;
See! how the shadows are shifting,
All of them drifting away—away,
Shadows all drifting away.
Hold the glad thought that the world's growing brighter,
Help every heart which you greet to be lighter.
Azure and amber the sunlit skies bending—
Bird-song and brook-song gaily are blending,
Then why not be happy to-day—to-day?
Why not be happy to-day?

The Fragrance of Flowers.

By Florence Beckwith.

How much the odors of plants and flowers have to do with our enjoyment of them. Many beautiful flowers appeal to us for admiration, which is freely accorded, but, if they lack fragrance, they rarely become our real favorites. Our true affection is given to some fragrant, perhaps insignificant flower, the odor of which is such a component part of it that we never think of the blossom apart from the odor.

Ask those who are fond of flowers what their favorites are, and you will find, in the majority of cases, that the ones named are fragrant. Of course there are those who will name some gay blossom which does not possess fragrance, but the true lovers of flowers rarely give as their favorites those destitute of odor. "A rose by any other name" may "smell as sweet," but a rose without fragrance lacks the crowning glory. It may be freely accorded a place in the garden, granted to be indispensable there, but we doubt if it is ever regarded with the true love which is felt for some less perfect but deliciously fragrant variety.

Dahlias.

By Mrs. Emma Clearwaters.

How do you grow dahlias? Tie them to a stake? That is an old way and a good one too, but why not try a change.

Prepare a circular bed, spade deeply and make the soil of fine tilth, reasonably fertile, then place the started tubers in places equi-distant near the outer edge of the bed, also one in the center. If a large bed there will need to be two rows of plants, for they should be twelve or eighteen inches apart according as the plants are dwarf varieties or tall ones.

Have the center plant trimmed considerably so it will grow into a rather tall specimen, the outer row trim only to preserve a symmetrical shape, for the branches will help hold the plants upright.

One could have a very lovely bed of red and white dahlias, having the outer row all white ones, the other (center) of red ones, but they should come into bloom at the same time to make a nice display. A bed of all one color would present a beautiful appearance when all the plants were in full bloom.

Many advise a very rich soil for dahlias but last year we made the soil too rich, for the plants grew so very rank it was impossible to keep the branches confined even with stake and cloth, therefore we lost quite a number of nice blossoms. Don't misunderstand; if there had been one plant in a place, of course we could have managed it with stakes and barrel hoops, but we had a long row of them, with a house wall as a background, so when they grew up seven feet, with corresponding branches, it was impossible to keep them within proper bounds.

By starting them in the house we had blooms, great large ones, before the tenth of June; then we had fine ones until late in September, and would have had them in abundance every day between June and September, if we could have furnished water in sufficient quantities through the drouth.

In our latitude (40° N.) the hot midsummer sun scorches the white dahlias, so we shall plan to have the white ones shaded through the day's hottest part; on extremely hot days, the petals of the red ones were slightly browned, also. The dahlia is a superb flower, deserving of all care.

Crinum Capense.

By W. C. Mollett.

This is one of the most hardy species of the Crinum family and is hardy as far north as the Ohio river with some protection in winter. The bulbs are very long and therefore perfectly adapted to deep planting, and can be set eight inches deep or more. It is a native of South Africa and produces its flowers in clusters of from three to eight blossoms. The blossoms are white, or rose colored and usually appear about the first of June.

While it is not the most beautiful of the species it is well worth cultivating on account of ease of growth, and tropical appearance. It succeeds best in rich soil to which some well-rotted manure has been added, and which has been dug or stirred to the depth of twelve or fifteen in. On the approach of winter cover with leaves, litter or well-rotted manure which can be dug into the soil or removed in the spring.

Climbing Roses of Southern California.

By Georgina S. Townsend.

In nothing are we of sunny southern California so rich as in our climbing roses. The colder climates may raise hybrid perpetuals, and have the fragrance of teas during the summer, but wherever the frost touches, our climbing roses are too tender except in a greenhouse.

The best known of the climbing roses is of course Marechal Neil. The color is unequalled, being the very finest yellow, clear, with no hint of sulphur, nor saffron nor rose. Next it has the most delicious fragrance, all its own, and its buds are beyond compare. In California it does not do as well as in the southern states less dry. Mildew attacks it and makes the branches unsightly, but it can be trimmed back; the new growth will be fresh for some time.

Next in popularity is LaMarque. It has no faults of growth. The buds are of exquisite shape and while the full blown Marechal Neil is not very admirable, not so with LaMarque. The open rose is very handsome. The center is a lemon color, and the remaining petals a pure clear white. It is fragrant like the real old fashioned garden roses. It trains into a tree nicely.

Reine Marie Henrietta is queenly in color, a rich crimson, clear and unfading. It does not become purple. The flower is loose and large, very effective. It bears many roses on each stem, as does LaMarque, but it is not so constant a bloomer as the latter. At no time in the year is LaMarque without its buds.

Reve D'Or is a rose of exquisite grace. The buds are saffron yellow, fine form, and borne in sprays. The open rose shows a flushed center against the saffron, making a delicious combination of colors. Each petal curves backward until each tip is sharply pointed, making an open rose of remarkable beauty. It is also one which lasts well when cut.

Laurette is trained into trees more than allowed to climb, but it has a decided climbing habit. In growth it is strong, sending out blossom shoots two feet long. Generally there is but one rose to a shoot at one time. In the bud it is of fine form, and the rose itself is lovely, with thick waxy white petals, spotted or dashed with carmine. It has no fragrance, but its fine substance gives it distinction.

Climbing Clotilde Soupert is the same as the dwarf Soupert. The buds are very dainty, white tinged pink, and the full flower has a most delicious rose fragrance. The foliage is graceful also. It is a persistent bloomer, and in springtime is covered with blossoms.

Solfaterre is a sulphur colored rose, with good buds, but a full rose of not much grace. It has no fragrance to recommend it. The fragrant rose may lack grace, but it is beloved. The graceless, odorless rose should take a back place in the floral kingdom.

William Allen Richardson is fine. It is a coppery yellow; yellow that shades into the burnished hints of red which copper holds. It is a full rose, but fragrant, and the buds are of fine brown, its color is one of the best, something astonishing.

Cloth of Gold blooms freely once a year, with a few shy blossoms at other times. The petals have a clear yellow color, darker than lemon, but lighter than Marechal Niel. It is, in bud and full blossom, one of the most beautiful of roses. The full blown rose is like a water lily. It is not fragrant, but it has color and form to challenge admiration. It is a rose which suffers with mildew.

Gold of Ophir blooms once a year. It makes prodigious growth, covering everything, and when in bloom has thousands of small golden roses. It is truly a sight worth seeing.

Climbing Hermosa is one of the finest pinks. It has the same habits as the old favorite Hermosa.

The finest white climber is Madame Robert Peary. It is absolutely perfect. The buds are the most exquisite of any rose, and the open blossom loses nothing of its grace. Added to its hardiness and perpetual blooming qualities, it has a delicious fragrance. It was a sport from Kaiserine Augusta Victoria, and although not so well known yet as Niphetos, it will surely take its place, as it is pure white, and Niphetos is often tinged.

Crimson Rambler is not a great favorite with us, it blooms only once a year, and we demand of our roses a constant supply.

The Banksia roses are another class of annual bloomers. They are used on fences and sheds. The colors are pure white and pale yellow. They are small but borne in great profusion and are very fragrant. A peculiarity of them is that the roses are borne on the old wood, and that must not be pruned. All other roses are benefited by a vigorous pruning.

The Possibilities of Bark.

BY FLORA LEE

For covering window-boxes, veranda-boxes, flower-pots;—anything or everything in which plants are growing on the veranda of the summer cottage, we find there is nothing so suitable and pleasing as bark in its natural state. That peeled from a well seasoned log where it is beautified with gray lichen, is the most desirable kind, but any kind will do. Tin cans covered with it, some filled with growing ferns and others with cut flowers, make fine decorations, and are a change from the usual jardinières.

Gay Flowers of June.

By L. Greenlee.

The rose must be considered first in any grouping of which it is a part, and very gay just now are the great, glowing June roses of the garden. Cannas and gladioli may fairly dazzle the eye toward the close of the month, but while the roses last they will be little considered. The roses and lilies have fragrance and beauty of form as well as rich tints. A blossom of either, or a mere whiff of fragrance, opens the door to a great wealth of associations.

How can we make the June roses last longer, even to the detriment of cannas and their kindred? How keep the young flower-producing shoots growing thriftily after the first grand overture of bloom is past? Vigorous cutting back is one of the secrets of really "perpetual" roses; good mulching with manures not too fresh is another; fighting insect pests is a third. I do not wait for the first crop of flowers to fade before cutting back my bushes, but cut the flowers for friends and for vases with long stems.

If a single large branch, or strong shoot from the root, is out of bloom before the others, it is cut back to within a foot of the ground. Often fresh shoots will have started from it before the flowers on other shoots have faded. Rose-bugs have to be picked off by hand; so also the disgusting caterpillars that eat the leaves. All other insects that molest the rose may be sprayed off either with tobacco-water, hellebore or strong soapsuds. Only the rose-bugs have been very troublesome in my garden, and where rose-bushes grow healthily and naturally I think this is generally the case.

"Cover" plants for rose-beds are apt to rob the roses. The only ones that I ever found satisfactory were portulaca and verbena. Pansies make a good spring cover, but they dwindle away under the heat and full sun of midsummer.

If June is a hot dry month the roses will need water every evening to keep them flowering well. Beds cut in the sod, and not raised at all in the center, are more easily kept moist. The drainage must be good underneath, of course. In winter it is a good protection for the roots to have the earth mounded up a little over the center of the bed, so as to give a slope from which the water will run.

Wood ashes stirred into the surface of the soil about roses that have been established for some time helps to renew the fertility of the soil. Thick mulches of well decomposed old fertilizer from cow-stalls is also good for this purpose, and so is bonemeal.

It is well to vary one's fertilizers, using several that are known to be good, in rotation, giving them a little every week or so, rather than in great quantities at once. Rose-bushes are frequently killed outright by using too much of a strong fertilizer about them in the heat of summer.



June Rose, Captain Christy

Some Rose Notes.

The monthly roses are particular favorites with many, blooming as they do from June to November, in every color and with the most delightful fragrance. To be successful with them you must have a rich soil, and a bright, sunny location. In hot, dry weather they need a thorough soaking with water every day.

The rose garden must not be in an exposed situation. It must have shelter, but it must not have shade. No boughs may darken, no drip may saturate, no roots may rob the rose. If you wish for roses few and large, you must prune within four eyes of the main stock; if you desire a larger quantity smaller in size, you may leave five or six of these dormant buds. In all cases, the weak growth and that which is decayed must be removed.—Canon Hole in "Our Garden."

The Crimson Rambler Rose still retains its popularity, and deservedly so. One of the most beautiful sights we have ever seen in the way of roses, was on East Avenue in this city, (Rochester, N. Y.) last June. A wire trellis sixty feet long and seven feet high was literally covered with thousands of the beautiful, bright blossoms of the Crimson Rambler.

The German Rose Society recently published a select list of three hundred roses, embracing the best varieties of the several classes and selections.

An admirable plan, I think, is to plant enough of good forms and colors in the flower borders; of Persians in the shrubberies; of climbers on the walls and pillars and trellises; and of desirable hardy kinds in the kitchen garden to cut from; and ever, still ever, when wet with the morning dew,

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may;
Young June is still a-flying."

—George H. Ellwanger

Some people expect too much of a rose. Peter Henderson relates a very good story of the troubles of a German florist, as told by himself, as follows: "I haf so mooch trouble wid de rose plants. Dey wants him hardy, dey wants him dooble, dey wants him nice gooler, dey wants him nice shape, dey wants him fragrant, dey wants him moonly, dey wants him to be everyting in one rose. I vas not ungallant, but I haf to say to dem: 'ladies, I say, that I sees not dat lady dat is rich, dat is young, dat is goot demper, dat is putiful, dat is healdy, dat is smart, dat's everydings in one lady. I sees her not mooch.'"



Gold of Ophir and Lady Banksia Roses



FOR THE CHILDREN

The Story of Trixy

IN FOUR PARTS

By Benjamin Keech

PART IV.—HOW IT ALL ENDED.

Mr. Floyd wiped the perspiration from his face, caressed his injured hand and powdered.

"How," he asked himself, "is the best way to get rid of Trixy? He's up in the corn lot now, but it will be an easy matter to call him down here. The children'll think I want him for company, so there'll be no trouble in that direction."

"But after he gets here," thought Mr. Floyd, tremblingly, "what can I do? I can't kill him. If I could only see Bill Sullivan. I'd be all right. As hot as the day is, I believe I'll walk down there and get him. Such chances to save fifty cents don't grow on every bush."

But Mr. Floyd was saved the trouble of walking down to the Sullivan domicile, for just as he was passing through the gate, the much desired Bill appeared, hulking along in the distance.

"Why, hello Billy!" said Mr. Floyd as Sullivan came up. "Out sporting as usual? Say, Billy"—patronizingly—"would you like a little additional practice with that trusty gun of yours? I've got a dog here that wants to be killed; besides giving you the pleasure of killing him. I will also reward you with—ah—with a ten cent piece, Billy, a ten cent piece."

Bill grinned and showed a row of yellow teeth. His one delight was to cause the death of something harmless and innocent.

"You set on the porch there," said Mr. Floyd, "and don't move till I come back. I'm going to call the dog. Now mind."

Mr. Floyd went around the corner of the house and whistled and called to Trixy in an insinuating voice. Presently a little yellow streak came bounding along toward him.

"That's the dog," said Floyd to Sullivan, who appeared with his rifle. "Take him down back of the barn and have it done with just as soon as possible."

"Goll!" ejaculated Mr. Sullivan. "He gone. He ain't here now."

Mr. Floyd started and looked around. "Eh?" he said. "Ain't here? Yes, he is too; that's him going down the path there. Why, he's going back of the barn. Well, that's all the better. Go, now, and have it done with. Come, start yourself."

Bill hulked along down the path in the direction of the barn. Mr. Floyd fanned himself with his newspaper and waited for what was to follow. A cold chill ran up and down his back; he shivered. Then the loud report of the gun was heard, directly followed by the agonized cry of the dog that had been murdered.

A moment later Mr. Sullivan presented himself. "Him deader'n a door nail," he announced showing his teeth in a satisfied smile, "he never kick once after he fell. Now me wants pay."

"Oh you—you idiot, here it is," said Mr. Floyd. "Take my hard earned money and go. You won't get another cent if you stay till doomsday."

Mr. Sullivan went, the afternoon waned and Mr. Floyd sat on the east porch, strangely silent. What had come over him? What was he thinking about that should bring such a grave and serious expression to his face?

The thought had come to him, now that it was too late, that his children loved that little dog, and it would wring their hearts most cruelly when they found he was killed. Killed! A cute, loving, little creature that never did a particle of harm. Dead! Never again to frolic and play, and be the happy delight of two little children.

"Oh well," thought Mr. Floyd, "he was the cause of my bad luck this spring,"

—he looked around uneasily as he said this—"besides, he was beginning to cost something. Still, what are fifty pennies a year, compared with the happiness of two little loving hearts? Ah, well, it can't be helped; it's done and, it can't be undone."

Mr. Floyd rose and went into the house. He entered his bedroom and lay down on his bed, presently he fell asleep. When he awoke, his wife was preparing supper in the room beyond. The clattering of the dishes as she put them on the table, had a pleasant, homey sound that soothed him.

He lay still and listened. Presently, he heard something that surprised him. A child was singing a sweet, plaintive song, out of doors, somewhere; the child was Neva. A happy, boyish laugh now and then mingled with the song and floated in at the window.

"What?" thought Mr. Floyd. "Happy and contented? Ah well, they haven't found it out yet; they don't know what's in store for them. It's too bad and I'm a brute." He turned regretfully on his pillow, and a bright gleam of sunlight struck him full in the face. He changed his position, opened his eyes, looked around and saw—

But *was* that Trixy, sitting on the floor, there? Impossible. And yet—it *was*. The little dog was gazing straight into Mr. Floyd's face, one ear cocked inquiringly upward and his brown eyes asking all sorts of questions.

"Trixy," said Mr. Floyd, softly, "is that you, little chap?" The dog jumped up, put his fore paws on the bed, smiled, and wagged his short stumpy tail in a most engaging manner. Then something wonderful happened. Mr. Floyd stretched out his well hand and stroked the dog's head slowly and softly, while two large tears gathered on his lashes and burned there.

"Come, Henry," called Mrs. Floyd from the kitchen. "Come, Charlie and Neva; supper is ready now."

Mr. Floyd came mechanically out of the bedroom, as if walking in a dream. Charlie and Neva came in, a few moments later. Their faces were pale; they seemed excited.

"Oh mother!" said Charlie. "You know that little yellow dog that was up in the corn field with Trixy all the forenoon? Well he's dead. He's lying down back of the barn now. Some one has shot him."

"For pity's sake!" exclaimed Mrs. Floyd. "He followed Trixy down here when father called him, didn't he? We heard the gun when it was fired and wondered what it meant."

"Yes, and we thought it funny that Trixy should come flying back before he had time to get down to the house," said Neva. Then suddenly the three of them began to grow suspicious and looked at the fourth for an explanation.

It came. Mr. Floyd leaned back in his chair, gazed straight into his wife's face and confessed everything. How he had never liked Trixy very well, how he fancied he was the cause of his ill luck, what the assessors had said, how he decided that Trixy must die, and how his death was planned.

"But I'm glad it's turned out as it has," he continued. "I was sorry I had been so mean, directly after I realized what I'd done. Children, I have discovered that I would rather part with every penny I possess than cause you one moment of unhappiness. I love you more than I supposed myself capable of. Will you try to care for me a little in return, children?"

"And you, Minerva," he began, then choked. Rising he went over to his wife and placed his well hand on her shoulder.

der. "Little woman," he murmured, huskily, "will you forgive me for the long years you have seen me building another idol—the idol of gold—in my heart, beside your own dear self? Can you love me a little, Minerva, as in the old days?"

She rose impulsively, and twined her arms around his neck. "Oh Henry," she

sobbed, "I have loved you all the time, and this is one of the happiest moments of my life. Oh, I'm so glad—so glad."

Somehow, Charlie and Neva felt like crying, but Trixy sat on the floor and regarded them all with wise, knowing eyes. He considered that he had done his duty, and felt justly satisfied with himself and the world in general.

Influence of Environment

For several weeks Ted paraded Brady's block with the air of a conquering hero. Policeman X. had been as good as his word. Ted was dismissed with a reprimand and some wholesome advice. This piece of good fortune, coupled with the fact that the hospital matron had presented him with a suit of half worn clothes, made him an object of envy in the eyes of his less favored companions.

It so happened that a missionary had found his way to this den of vice, and opening the doors of a deserted building, there began his war on sin and idleness. Ted, either from want of better employment, or prompted by native curiosity, found himself inside this rude tabernacle one day.

The first words that greeted him were: "Be sure your sin will find you out." To poor untalented Ted they seemed meant for him alone, and each time the speaker repeated them, his piercing eyes seemed to divine Ted's inmost thoughts.

When his discourse was finished, the penitent boy crept to his side and lightly touching his arm accosted him with: "Say, mister, how did ye know I was after tryin' ter swipe Miss Dugan's turk?"

The mystified missionary inquired his meaning, and finding him truly sorry, not only for this, but for all past offences, convinced him that he had been sailing under false colors and advised him to acknowledge his faults and put them behind him adding: "My boy, God will open up a new way of life for you."

Teddy took his meaning literally, and walked away, trying for the first time in his life to solve a problem even more enigmatical than that of satisfying his appetite. Finally he made up his mind. "I'll do it," he soliloquized, and accordingly a shingle, bearing these rudely printed words, was fastened to a lamp post: "I want to see miss dugan and all o yes to morrer."

A motly audience greeted him the next day, as, mounted upon an ash barrel, he delivered his "maiden speech."

"I ain't no ero. I never clum up to put out yer fire. I was a goin' ter swipe yer turk, Mis Dugan. Be shore yersin' I find yer out."

Poor Ted never knew how he got off that barrel. He only remembered hearing these words: "Thryin ter stail me toorkey, ye was? Och! ye druthy spalpeen. Be off wid yes!" Mrs. Dugan in her anger lost sight of the fact that no matter what his motive, Ted had saved her home.

With her epithets ringing in his ears, Ted slunk away, utterly crushed. "Is this what comes of doing right? Is this the new life that was to open up for me?" thought he. "If so, I had better never told 'em." Poor Ted was finding the way of the transgressor hard indeed!

That night he crept up to his bed and at last fell asleep, exhausted by his grief. Nor did he awake till a clatter on the rickety stairs and a knock at the door aroused him. As it flew open two men, bearing the senseless form of his mother, entered. A hasty summoned physician pronounced her injuries serious and hurried her off to the hospital, where Teddy was called to see her later. "I ain't never been a good mither to yer, my boy," she whispered tearfully, "but I giss the good Lord knows I've had me troubles. I'm a goin' away now, so good-by. Mind what I tells ye, 'lave the bottle alone.'" Two days later he followed her to her last resting place.

Alone and homeless he returned, and wandered about, caring little where he went. Suddenly he was startled out of his sad reveries by the plunging of a pair of frightened horses, and as they tore by him he saw that on the high seat of the farmer's wagon attached to them, there sat a little girl with pale face and flying curls, helpless and alone.

Ted forgot himself, forgot the newly

made grave in Potter's Field, and springing forward caught the horses by the bridles. Thus checked, they seemed to forget their fright and after a few more plunges yielded to the slight pressure of his hands and stopped. When Mr. Murdoc reached his wagon, it was surrounded by a gaping mob. Clapping his child in his arms, he cried: "Thank God, my Ada darling, you are safe!" Then he looked around and asked: "Who stopped the team?"

"Och! it's Teddy, and it's fainten he is!" and Mrs. Dugan, with sud-soaked hands, caught the half fainting boy in her arms. "Poor bye, it's an angel he is!" and if eulogy could sprout wings Teddy had been so disposed, could have then and there soared away skyward.

"Where is your home, my boy?" asked Mr. Murdoc. "Och! and it's na home he's got at all at all, with his mither just laid away, and all the furniter sazed for rint," and Mrs. Dugan, off on the eulogizing track again, only ceased when her vocabulary was exhausted.

Mr. Murdoc's heart filled with sympathy for this homeless boy, as he thought of the new made grave of his own and only son. And this poor wail had rescued his daughter, his only remaining child. "Come home with me, my boy," said he.

Never had Teddy dreamed the world was so large! Never would he have believed there was so much blue sky, so much beauty and grandeur! What a paradise the Murdoc country home was!

The birds sang to him, the trees whispered to him, and the flowers seemed to peep out at him from every hedge. In this sweet country atmosphere Ted's soul broadened and his heart became purified. The cunning look left his face and new ambitions were born in his breast.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdoc were educated people, as all farm people will be in the near future, and it was a proud day for them when their adopted son carried off the honors of his class at college.

He has never been elected alderman, neither has he any ambition in that direction, but Theodore B. Murdoc is now the honored president of a prominent Agricultural college. Though many years have passed, he has never forgotten Mrs. Dugan's "turk," and each Christmas a fine bronze bird finds its way to her neat cottage on a small farm near the college.

President Murdoc's watchword has ever been: "Be sure your sin will find you out," and his wife, Ada, agrees with him when he says: "It is better to be right than to be an alderman."—J. M. Heckenlirty in *Farm and Home*.

The Raggedy Man.

BY ALLEINE LANGFORD.

Oh! a funny old thing is the raggedy man; And no one can scare me as quick as he can. His clothes are all ragged and so is his hat, It covers his face and is awfully flat. His legs stick out stiff and his arms they do too, And I don't know a thing that the queer man can do.

For he's stood just the same ever since he was born, This funny old raggedy man in the corn.

He's a funny old man for he seems to forget, To go in the house when the weather is wet. So he stands just as still in the thunder and rain, And waits till it's sunny and pleasant again. And he never complains though he's wet to the skin.

And he never asks papa to let him come in, But the rain makes him look very sad and forlorn, This funny old raggedy man of the corn.

Some day when it's raining I'm going to see The raggedy man, and I'll carry with me, An old umbrella and overcoat, too, So the raggedy man can keep dry, wouldn't you? For he looks just dreadfully skinny and old, And when he's so wet he may catch a bad cold, For his clothes are most awfully ragged and worn, This funny old raggedy man in the corn.

Tangle Town.

(Solutions and original puzzles solicited from all readers of this paper. Name, address and nom de plume, if one is used, should be appended to each communication. Write on one side of the paper only and address everything pertaining to this department to the editor: Leslie Rees, 1227-15th St., Denver, Colo.)

New Puzzles.

No. 1. Numerical—

We built a dandy henhouse
With mortar and with bricks;
The door we made of oak, the roof
We built of 4, 5, 6.

The soldier guards his comrades,
And in his hands their fate;
The bravest of the regiment—
You call him 1 to 8.

The birds are in the hemlock,
Down by the farther shore;
Among the branches you may find
Their 3, 2, 1, and 4.

The sheets are washed, we'll hang them
Out underneath the trees,
Upon the 8, 5, 6, 7, there
They'll quickly catch the breeze.

A. King.

No. 2. Right Rhomboid—

Across:

1. Natives of Poland.
2. An object of sacred reverence.
3. A narrow street.
4. A compound.
5. Slings around.

Down:

1. A letter.
2. Either.
3. A field.
4. A girl's name.
5. Parts of a window.
6. A room for prisoners.
7. A pronoun.
8. A pronoun.
9. A letter.

Captain Nemo.

No. 3. Charade—

First.

Sometimes you hold me in control,
Sometimes I fall and spoil the whole;
I lie upon my bed all day,
Yet often help you on your way.

Second.

But if a two you need that 'tis me,
That black is black or vice versa;
Then, upon me you can depend,
To help you to the very end.

Whole.

Or if you wish to baffle first,
And keep it close, from doing its worst;
I'm total then, just what you need,
In such a case, a friend, indeed.

H. C. Conant.

No. 4. Square—

1. Worried.
2. Vital.
3. Torn.
4. Makes even.
5. Thick.

E. P.

No. 5. Charade—

My first, composed of letters three,
A well loved pet sometimes may be.

My last, Jack Frost will often do,
For flowers and vegetables, too.

For my first, my whole is good,
If it be sick, but not for food.

Perseverance.

No. 6. Half Square—

1. A stout silk.
2. English navigator.
3. Ties.
4. Sums up.
5. A common title in the East.
6. In best.
7. A letter.

Adaline Moore.

No. 7. Numerical—

My 1 to 10 is found in every school,
5, 4, is used by some one each day;
From the trees, my 3, 2, 6, 7, grows
In the 10, 8, 9, 1, the children love to play.

Unsigned.

No. 8. Diamond—

1. A letter.
2. A heavy stick.
3. A kind of pepper.
4. A kind of cloth.
5. An opinion.
6. To lease.
7. A letter.

F. C. Rood.

No. 9. Word Tangle—

The captain gazes o'er the sea,
And fear is in his first,
The flapping sails come rattling down,
The storm is at its worst.

Paradise was fine second,
The serpent ambled in,
But Adam chewed the apple and
Committed thus a sin.

Do third, not love me, dear, or has
Your loving heart grown cold?
Does memory ne'er bring to mind
The happy days of old?

The frogs fourth gaily by the pond,
All nature rings atone;
The redbreasts sing their welcome song
This perfect day in June.

Now first, and second, third, and fourth,
Just find them in a trice;
If placed in order and correct
You'll find some good advice.

L. D. R.

No. 10. Hour Glass—

Across:

1. Used in killing whales.
2. Combined.
3. A kind of tree.
4. A consonant.
5. An animal procession.
6. To make fine.
7. An exit for smoke.

The central word, reading downward,
is a wanderer.

John Bufka.

Prize Offers.

Six prizes, well worth winning, will be awarded this month for the six best lists of solutions to the puzzles published in this issue. Contest closes July 5th, by which date all answers must reach the editor. Answers to the puzzles in this issue, with a list of the prize winners will be printed in two months. Everybody welcome, open to all.

April Prize Winners.

1. Julia P. Haswell, North Hoosick, N. Y.
2. J. G. Shearer, Washington, D. C.
3. Jesse Markey, New Carlisle, O.
4. Margo Sheppa, Suisun, Calif.
5. H. C. Conant, Palmyra, N. Y.
6. Alexander, Cumberland Mills, Me.

Answers to April Puzzles.

No. 1. El Paso, Canton, Erie, Elmira.

No. 2. P
HIT
RATIO
WESTERN

No. 3. Drawer, reward.

No. 4. W
WAS
WAVER
WAVERED
SERGE
REE
D

No. 5. Leap-frog.

No. 6. BAFFLED
PLANK
ARM
M
WET
PARES
DRESSES

No. 7. Cast, last; these, please; lies,
eyes; say, day; instead, bed; rash, crash.

No. 8. LIGHT
IDLER
GLIDE
HEDGE
TREES

No. 9. Mold.

No. 10. Monday, Tuesday, Sunday,
Friday.

The Usurper

BY MISS FRANCES McCULLOUGH.

Just as the dusk was falling a little figure, who had escaped the close vigilance of her ever watchful nurse, crept noiselessly into the darkened room, where "muvver" was sick.

No one heard her as she stole quietly up the stairs. Confident that "muvver" would be wild with delight to see her "onliest" baby, as she supposed, after five long days and nights of separation, she hung to the door knob and laughed softly, shaking her golden curls in roguish glee before entering, with childish delight. She was "mother's precious darling," she reflected, in her old-fashioned way of thinking to herself, "and papa's little lady"—and she turned the handle softly and entered with the anticipation of a welcome wholly her own.

"Sh, sh," came from the soft moving, white-robed nurse, who guarded mother, as she crossed the room towards little Mabel, but mother's voice so faint and sweet said: "Let her see mother a minute, please."

Little Mabel came shyly, eyeing the strange nurse. Half way across the room she stopped with eyes filled with wonder. What was that moving in her own little bed? Something alive squirmed there and sent out a faint little cry.

"What it is?" she queried. There was a faint tinkle of laughter from mother's bed, as she requested the nurse to show the baby to his little sister. Nurse lifted the little pink bundle from the crib, taking from about it layer after layer of soft coverings, and stooping, showed Mabel what the latter considered nothing but a wee, red-faced, ugly baby. "This is your little brother, dear; God sent to play with you."

Just then Mabel's mother said to nurse: "Oh, please let me hold my beautiful boy just a moment," and the ugly bundle was placed in mother's arms, just where little Mabel had always nestled, and mother looked at him and petted and talked to him just as she had always done to her "onliest little girl."

At last the truth burst on the little girl and she realized that she had to share her place with another, and for the time, that she was thrust aside and forgotten for this new little mite, and her poor little heart was nearly broken.

She ran from the room crying and shrieking with anger and jealousy, and ran to the library to Daddy. Anyway she had her Daddy, she thought, as she ran into his arms, where she nestled to him, and in baby accents she told him of the unconscious usurper. "It has my muvver, my bed, and eversing," she sobbed, and Daddy comforted her and petted her as he was always ready to do in times of her baby griefs. "She calls it her beautifules' baby," she cried; but with sudden joy she put her little arms about his neck and said: "But it ain't got no Daddy." Again and again in a wicked and triumphant delight she screamed the words.

Daddy sat with the poor little jealous creature in his arms and the stillness grew in the room, but finally Mabel, who was very wide awake, again said mournfully: "Daddy," with a fear and break in her voice, "I fink it has a Daddy."

The man started stories of the "Little Piggies," and then Mother Goose rhymes, but through it all came, "Who its Daddy is?" and she sobbed with an awakening dread.

Daddy started again of "Jack and Jill" and the broken crown. All to no purpose, for the little voice would ever ask, at each slight pause, "Who its Daddy is?" "Who its Daddy is?" and his heart ached at the sound. "Tell me, Daddy, who its Daddy is?"

"My own dearest baby girl," he cried, realizing the childish grief and the jealous pain that held the wee frame in its grasp, "I am, but I am yours first, my darling pet—hold on to that—I am your's first," and with coaxing and petting, and the assurance that she was his own and onliest little girl, he endeavored to appease the jealous little soul, and finally realized that he had attained success, when the drowsy head at length nestled close to him and the measured breathing, at last, told him that the weary little pathetic mite was traveling fast to dreamland.—*Boston Post.*

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The Builders

(Selected from Long fellow.)

All are architects of Fate
Working in these walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is or low;
Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise
Time is with materials filled
Our to-days and yesterday
Are the blocks with which we build.

Build to-day then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base:
And ascending and secure
Shall tomorrow find its place.

Busy Mothers.

How truly Mothers are builders impresses me more each year. The blessed influences built round the unconscious child by a gentle, unselfish (but sensible) loving (but wisely firm) cultured mother, which begin before its birth and are best solidified by that mother's daily influence afterward, are too well proven to doubt now-a-days. The pre-eminence of power given to woman in the matter of birth is a grand reward for her sacrifices because of her children.

The busy mother whose natural disposition from childhood up was to be morbid, spiteful, "cross" or sullen, and whose self-improvement is due to her efforts to crush out what she recognizes as her weakness for the sake of that dear child, whose innocent baby eyes see no fault in her yet; in her struggle to acquire a better character, in the slow daily building process, she conducts a grand and noble warfare against evil and builds doubly for she aids and moulds her child's ideas as a builder of his or her own future life.

It is no small and never an easy matter to repress tempers which are easily touched; to refuse to yield to tears or gloom over the hurt given by dear ones; to speak calmly when nervous, hopefully when all is dark, firmly and lovingly when wronged. It means self denial to not do some little trifles we might indulge ourselves in, or do some others we feel scarcely a desire—for the little folk's sake.

We never see the lesson of any special sorrow while we bear it; but afterward the loyal heart's reward is sure to be such a betterment of self through suffering, such a power for sympathetic understanding, that involuntarily we justify God as we say "I never should have understood had I not suffered." So dear mothers, we who suffer may smile through our tears and fears. We are surely in His special care. Some day we shall see the why, and be kinder to others who suffer. Too much ease, too much peace, too much happiness does not produce the most glorious heartsease. That flower needs the damp of lonely tears, the shade of doubt and loss, the rich soul of a living nature, the strong but not steady sunlight of a few true friends, good books, pure thoughts and prayer.

Mothers you are not drudges or "kitchen slaves" even though you perspire and toil all day, even if you are misunderstood or unappreciated. You are Life Builders, Home Missionaries, Moulders of the Nation's Character. Every homely duty pays (if done according to reason and your strength) only because the results are invisible you grow discouraged.

Some happy day, busy and loving parents will be so honored, independently of their social station, in all communities that again we shall see obedient respect-

ful children and the young shall not fear nor hesitate to covet the duties and honor of a parent, more than shining careers whose idol is Self.

Motto for June: "Guard well thy thoughts; our thoughts are heard in Heaven."

Young Mothers.

The First and Second Summers. A truly morbid dread afflicts the average inexperienced mother concerning the "second summer" or particularly the teething infant's second trial by heat of all its constitutional vigor. Personally I have seen no small number of infants seriously affected by their first summer, especially on close humidity hot days, or if a nursing, by the mother being overcome by hard work on such days, "Ironing day" as so many arrange it, forgetful of the season or their more sacred duties is a veritable terror liable to cause a serious sickness of the child even though the mother seem uninjured. The bottle fed baby has the better chance if he have careful daily attention, whilst the erst-while to-be-nursed nursing whose mother's diet, temper and habits are unregulated by any thoughts of poor baby, may suffer from cholera infantum or need to be weaned.

Little details pertaining to the art of nursing are of much more value in hot weather, just as greater cleanliness and care are needed for "the bottle baby." Neglected fissures of the nipples may grow into more serious breast disorder, notably abscess. The use of a proper ointment of borax or an appropriate soap, and supporting the bust with clean bandages or a home made gored breast supporting waist, will insure grateful relief and preserve a lovely bust—so often needlessly sacrificed.

One of the frequent sacrifices of motherhood in the line of beauty is the darkening of the hair (or thinning) and the decay or loss of the teeth. The harm done by one rotten root of a formerly useful tooth, dentists and doctors claim is far greater than ordinarily imagined. At such times dentists may not care to do painful work for you but will clean and fill with "soft filling" any poor tooth until your health allows a better bit of work to be properly finished. In summer the nursing mother should not lightly regard daily slow poisoning of her blood.

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Heart Talks

BY
MRS. CATHERINE WALTER

NOTE: The object of this department is to place all subscribers who are in need of sympathy and advice in communication with a woman of large experience and warm sympathies who will give each case her careful thought and consideration. All communications for this department should be addressed to Mrs. Catherine Walter, 352 W. 23d Street, New York City.

Dear Mrs. Walter—Having seen your letters in the May number of Vick's Family Magazine, I thought I would write and ask you to advise me in regard to something that is worrying me a good deal.

My only son is fourteen years of age, and has always been a good boy and devoted to his mother and his home, and I am naturally very proud of him. His father died two years ago and I have had all the responsibility and care since then.

We have a little home and my two daughters have good positions, so we are comfortably situated.

Up to this time, John has gone to public school, but the last few months he has been growing restless, and someone has put it into his head to go West. He has read stories of western life and is quite wild about it. I am actually afraid he may run away and if that should happen it would break my heart.

What can I do to get him out of the notion of going West.—Anxious Mother.

Anxious Mother—It is no wonder that you are worried about your boy, but I think I can suggest a plan that may help you. He is just at the age when boys need especial care and watching, as it is the turning point in their lives very often. Their characters, as well as their physical being, are undergoing a change, and I often wonder how parents can send their boys away from them at a time when they are the most susceptible to every influence, unless it is that a boy becomes more or less "unmanageable" at home and it would take too much time and thought to guide him, so this task is given up to strangers. With some boys, perhaps this is the only way.

I would advise you to talk to John as if he had some sense. Make a friend of him and talk to him about what interests him—about the West, or anything else. Find out if he has some special taste or would like to take up some special study, trade, or profession. Get his confidence and, above all, encourage him to be firm and honorable.

Do not make a baby of him, as many mothers do with their sons who sometimes remain babies all their lives; but point out to him that he is the man of the house, and let him feel his responsibility towards you and his sisters, and take an interest in his home.

Do not thwart him, as that only makes a boy of any character more set on his own way, but show him that he could do better out West or away from home by waiting a few years, until his health and character are established.

Have his companions, if they are desirable, come and see him at his home, and make it pleasant for them. If he has a taste for constructing, let him have a little carpenter's shop and get him to mend or make little things for the house; or if he likes to cultivate flowers, or keep chickens, any of these things will give him an interest and have a good effect on his character and make him contented. But do not preach to him.

Try this plan and let me know how it succeeds.—Mrs. W.

Dear Mrs. Walter—I have read your letters in Heart Talks in Vick's Family Magazine for May and would like to ask you to give me some advice.

My case is this. I have been receiving the attentions of a young man for two years and he always appears to think a great deal of me and never neglects coming to see me, and sends me flowers and takes me out to societies and places of amusement, and everyone thinks we are engaged and I suppose we are, though he has never said so in so many words.

But, one day, someone said in joke, When is the wedding to be? and he grew very serious and seemed quite annoyed, and has not been so attentive since, though when I do see him his manner is as nice as ever.

What ought I to do? For if he does not want to marry me, I may as well find it out now.—Perplexed.

The case you speak of is unfortunately not unusual. The young man you mention probably finds you congenial and perhaps you dress well and do him credit when he takes you out, for, sad to say, that is the reason for a great deal of attention—especially on the part of quite young men. I do not say it is so in your case, however, at least not the main reason.

Perhaps this gentleman may not have enough means to marry just yet and that

is why he felt embarrassed at the remark of your friend, for men are very sensitive about those things.

Find out more about his business or if there is any other reason why he should not marry you, and if there is let him know as soon as possible that you cannot receive his attentions any longer. It is not fair to yourself to waste your youth on a man who is only amusing himself with you.

If you can find no good reason and are convinced that the man really is attached to you, go away for several weeks and see what absence will do. If, on your return, he still makes no sign, I think you might receive the attentions of someone else, and if that does not decide him, I would advise you to let him go, unless you are really very fond of him; and even so you should have too much respect for yourself to let a man think you cannot exist without him.

Let me know if you follow my advice.—Mrs. W.

Dear Mrs. Walter—In reading your Heart Talks in Vick's May number of the Family Magazine, I feel as if perhaps you could give me some comfort if I should write to you.

I have a brother whom I love dearly and we are the only two left of a large family. He is kind-hearted and generous and a good workman always making plenty of money when he is steady. We have a nice cottage and I keep house for him.

But, unfortunately, he cannot resist the temptation to drink, and if he meets any of his friends and they invite him to go with them that is the end of him for that evening. He is just like a baby where drink is concerned. I am afraid it will tell on his health and then he will lose his position, and where shall we be!

Can I do nothing to cure him?—Sister.

Sister—Your letter goes to my heart, for I had a very dear friend who was situated just as you are, but before she died she had the comfort of seeing her brother become a useful and honorable member of society and he had the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen—all the more that he had had the courage and strength to break away from the bondage of drink that had held him for so many years. Let us hope it may be so in your case.

It is very hard to know what to advise, as there are many "cures" so-called, many of which are not cures at all.

I believe that there is frequently a lack of nourishment in the system of persons who are addicted to drink, and this causes a craving for something and they fly to intoxicating drinks. I have heard it said that the juice of a lemon taken the first thing in the morning would take away the craving for liquor. You might try this if your brother would take it. Or if he likes milk, a glass or two of warm milk is an admirable thing as it is nourishing and soothing to the nerves as well.

Try this, giving it to him in the morning or before he goes to bed or both morning and evening. I know a man who is taking it now, with very good results.

I have no doubt he would like to break off the drink habit if someone would help him. Do not reproach him, but see if you cannot get a chance to talk to him and persuade to try and give it up for his own sake, if not for yours.

Invite friends to the house occasionally, and insist on his being there, to try and brush up his self-respect. All this time continue to pray for him, for prayer can do more than we think.

Write to me again as I shall be pleased to hear from you.—Mrs. W.

Donald—I was very much interested in your letter and in what you tell me about your life as your condition is a real life issue that confronts most of us at some time of our lives.

I quite sympathize with you in your disappointment at not having fulfilled the ideals of your early youth. That is the lesson we all have to learn that real life soon rubs off the illusions of youth, and we find that hard work is our lot in most cases.

Now, hard work in itself, if not excessive, does not hurt anyone—in fact it keeps one healthy in mind and body, but monotonous work without any outlook of improving one's condition financially or socially seems unendurable to most people who have any ambition.

My advice to everyone who seems to have exhausted their surroundings is to get away—anywhere, so as to get new ideas, new views of things. But in your case this seems impossible or unadvisable for the present, so I would say, Pluck up your courage; do not give up your church, for it is a social as well as a religious organization; make acquaintances in other churches; men and women need society, it is an absolute necessity of their nature. Read about what is going on in the world and do not worry about what is past; but make up your mind that you will yet make something of your life and I am sure the prospect will be brighter for you.—Mrs. W.

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M. E. L.

How to dress well on a small income is
a perplexing question in the minds of
many farmers' wives, especially those
who chose their "farmer" for love, not
riches, and are helping save and make a
home they may call their own.

It seems as if there are so many, many
necessary things to be paid for, that to
the sensible wife—and we will suppose
they are all sensible—a very limited
amount remains for the wardrobe. To be
well-dressed, however, does not imply that
we must be gowned in silks and satins
and rich laces. No, indeed! I can, this
moment, call to mind dozens of ladies
with well-filled purses and costly apparel
who do not begin to possess the charm of
other poorer ones in their neat shirt
waist suits and pretty street hats, the
whole outfit costing less, no doubt, than
the former's petticoat.

I happen to belong to the class of
individuals who have more time than
money and, fortunately, understand
patterns, scissors, needles, etc., well
enough to do my own, and often my more
unfortunate neighbor's sewing. In this
age when Dame Fashion raves over hand
work I find that I may increase the value
of even a gingham shirt waist tenfold by
putting several rows of drawn work inser-
tion in it. Even the waist worn on my
wedding day was fashioned entirely out
of satin ribbon cat-stitched together with
the same shade of floss, so that for two
dollars and a number of hours' patient
labor, which otherwise would have been
wasted, I had a waist, dainty, stylish,
and original. Sweet memories come to
me now of a dear girl friend, who was then
visiting "me" for the last time, reading
aloud for hours as I fastened together
those strips of ribbon to be worn on that
eventful day. She visits "us" now.

A few weeks ago I accompanied a
neighbor to a near-by city to do some
shopping. Farmer-like, we were enjoy-
ing the pretty things in the show-
windows when lo! our eyes fell upon
the following sign: "Ten yards for thirty-
nine cents." We halted and on
examining the goods, found it to be an
excellent quality of calico. There were
several different kinds, but we selected
a black and white check—the exact
counterpart of checked gingham. Not
wishing to go to any more expense in
its construction, I drew threads in some
dainty muslin I had and put in a simple
little bit of drawn work with black San-
silk. One strip of this insertion forms a
panel down the front of a seven gored skirt
and two strips reach from the shoulders to
the bottom of the waist. A white tur-
ndown collar of the muslin and a black
tie, complete a shirt waist suit as neat
and trim as one would wish to see. I
expect to feel as "dressed up" as my
lady in her Parisian gown, and at the
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too. Many similar experiences arise to
mind but this is already too lengthy, so
adieu.

Let us have more ideas along this line.—Ed.

A Different Way.

MRS. DARTHULA BUCKNER.

I want to say to Mrs. Edith Mellis,
that if she does all of those things in one
day she had better quit. I used to do the
same, and at the close of one such day I
was stricken as with paralysis, with neu-
rasthenia, nerve exhaustion, and for nine-
teen weeks I was unable to work, and
I have never been as well. Of course
one day's work did not cause it but
many others when I did all I could.
Now, I usually arrange to wash when I
need not bake, have a separate sweeping
day, ironing day, etc., just some of the
hard work each day, sewing afternoons,
patching odd moments and reading even-
ings. I can, when well, keep my work
in good shape. This is my way to wash,

arranging it to my convenience. Cold
water in my boiler with soap cut thin,
third of a bar, and four buckets of water,
with a tablespoonful of washing powder
for each bucket, and the whitest clothes
put in and often punched about until
they boil, then taken in the tub and
lightly rubbed, rinsed in one or two
waters and hung out. Other clothes
sorted are put in the hot water left in
boiler until all white clothes and winter
underclothing are boiled and washed.
Each time take only clothes from the
boiler leaving the water for the next, the
clothes being hot enough to heat cold
water put on them. Then after washing
the underclothing I wash the colored
clothes.

Ideas from the Buckeye State.

H. L. P.

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two ounces buchu. Boil down to two
quarts. Soak one-half ounce of mandrake
root in one-half pint of alcohol. When
cold add mandrake and alcohol.

COUGH SYRUP—Take one-fourth
pound of raisins, mash the seeds; two
large sticks of licorice; two ounces flax-
seed. Boil in two quarts water down to
one quart, when cold add one teaspoonful
laudanum. You can add whiskey or
brandy to prevent it fermenting.

MOCK CHERRY PIE—One cup cran-
berries, cut in halves, one-half cup stoned
raisins, one cup sugar (scant cup), one
tablespoonful flour, two teaspoonfuls
vanilla, one-half cup of boiling water.
These ingredients are sufficient for one
pie, with upper and lower crusts.

FISH RAMIKINS—Add a cupful of
cold fish to one of cream sauce, made of
a tablespoonful of butter and two of
flour mixed together until smooth and
stirred into a pint of hot milk—let the
sauce come to a boil and pour it over the
fish, which has been flaked. Put the
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three and one-half cups of flour and two
teaspoons of baking powder.

For Filling—One cup milk, three ta-
blespoons level full of cornstarch, two
tablespoons of sugar, yolk of one egg,
one-half grated rind of orange, two table-
spoons of strained orange juice. Let
custard cool before adding orange and
juice and then spread on layers. Into
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All the great work in the world is simply doing the best that is in us.

The Future of Vicks.

I presume that no one has ever reached his ideal in life. Perhaps it is well that it is so. Should one have his greatest ambition satisfied early in life his later days would be of little benefit to himself or others. Those things which we secure through long days of struggle and hardships we appreciate. Many of those who have congratulated us on the wonderful success we have made of Vick's Family Magazine, have shown by their letters or conversation that they did not realize the large amount of energy and thought which had been expended to accomplish this great success.

Vick's Family Magazine of today represents many important steps forward, and we are greatly pleased and encouraged at the large number of expressions of satisfaction on the part of our readers. We are not yet satisfied as we have an ambition still further to improve the magazine and to increase its circulation to one million copies per month. Others have done as much and we believe that we can do it with sufficient capital. When the circulation reaches half a million the earnings should be enough to enable us to pay much larger dividends than the fifteen per cent which the company is now paying.

We recently made an announcement of the reorganization of our company and offering a limited number of shares of our treasury stock for sale to provide working capital with which to push our business forward to a greater success. The response was very generous and we were pleased that our subscribers so readily recognized the value of our business. The shares are not yet all taken so we repeat our announcement on the middle pages of this issue and wish to ask those who desire to take shares to send in their applications at once.

If I could only see each one of you face to face and tell you of the wonderful possibilities of this business, I am sure you would not hesitate a moment. I cannot do this however so will ask you to take my word for it. Each of you can surely spare a few dollars for a profitable investment. If you can take only one ten dollar share, I will gladly welcome you into our family of share holders. You will receive just as large a percentage of dividends as the largest stockholder and your share will entitle you to a voice in the affairs of the company the same as a share held by a millionaire. I would much prefer a large number of small shareholders to one or two who would take the entire issue. Many who have taken shares have already sent in lists of subscriptions from their friends. We are sure that you will say a good word for Vick's whenever you have an opportunity, if you take shares, for you will regard it as your business as well as ours and will want to see it grow rapidly.

Please turn to the announcement of our brokers on the middle pages and read every word now. Then send in your application for as many shares as you can afford to take. I feel sure you will never be sorry. We will surely do our very best to make the business a larger and more profitable one and our past success leads us to believe that we will not try in vain.

F. C. Owen
Editor.

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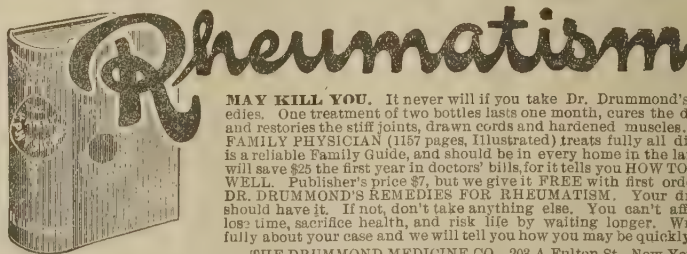
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Fannie's Flirtation.

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almost expecting to see a group of dusky faces, she saw, instead, that very good-looking and ubiquitous personage, Mr. Archibald Lathrop. It was an even chance which would have been the most welcome he or the Indians; but the vivid blush of surprise and annoyance that greeted his appearance was extremely becoming, and the scene involuntarily reminded him of that other day in the woods, back of the three years' chasm that lay between.

Mr. Lathrop was a gentleman who never lost his self-possession, and, gracefully requesting permission, to seat himself at a moderate distance from the young lady, he glided into conversation on the various objects of interest around—read a passage or two of "Hiawatha," and gradually proceeded to unfold to Fanny the happiness in store for her.

Fanny quietly declined it. A terrible rush of disappointment half-blinded him, as he begged to know her reasons for this refusal.

"There are none," she replied, as composedly as though she had been declining a saucer of ice cream, "except that I do not love you."

And before Mr. Lathrop could recover himself sufficiently to leave the tree, against which he had braced himself to bear this unexpected blow, Fanny had walked hastily off to the house. When she gained her own room, however, she secured herself with bolt and bar against aunt Seraphina, and indulged in a waterfall of great violence and duration, that was somewhat at variance with her frigidity a short time previous.

When people have been refusing anybody, and when anybody has been refused, other people have a mysterious way of discovering the fact; and, before long, aunt Seraphina became cognizant that her pet scheme was destroyed, and the vials of her wrath were poured on Fanny in consequence.

(To be concluded in next issue.)

A Fete of Roses.

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counted and a "booby" prize given the one making the "wildest" guess.

On returning to the parlor each guest was provided with a slip of paper bearing a part of a "Rose" quotation. These slips were compared and a search ensued to find the remainder of the quotation. After they were completed the host read the quotation and each guest wrote the name of the author. The successful contestant, who named correctly each author, was given a prize, a beautiful bouquet of roses. Following are some of the quotations used:—

"The tear down childhood's cheek that flows,

Is like the dew-drop on the rose."

—Sir Walter Scott.

"What's in a name?

That which we call a rose

By any other name would smell as sweet."

—Shakespeare.

"Bear lightly on their foreheads, Time, Strew roses on their way."

—Charles Mackay.

"You may break, you may scatter the vase, if you will,

But the scent of the roses will cling round it still."

—Thomas Moore.

"I remember, I remember,

The roses red and white."

—Thomas Hood.

"Roses and lilies, and violets blue, Bloom for the souls of the brave and the true."

—Will Carleton.

"The rose that lives its little hour Is prized beyond the sculptured flower."

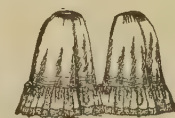
—William Cullen Bryant.

"I know not which I love the most, Nor which the comeliest shows, The timid, bashful violet, Or the royal hearted rose."

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James Vick, the famous seedsman, established *Vick's Family Magazine* in 1878, and it soon became the best known publication of its class in the world. A few years ago it was allowed to run down, but as soon as Mr. Owen became editor and manager the circulation commenced to go up with remarkable rapidity, and the publication of the magazine is now a much larger and more profitable business than people generally suppose.

James Vick, the founder, died in the year 1882, leaving a large and valuable estate, of which *Vick's Magazine* was a part.

THE COMPANY.

The Vick Publishing Company is regularly incorporated under the laws of the state of New York, with an authorized capital of \$250,000.

The stock is divided into twenty-five thousand shares—par value \$10 a share.

The general offices of the company are at 62 State Street, Rochester, N. Y.

The printing plant where *Vick's Family Magazine* is printed and mailed is one of the largest and finest of its kind in the country, and is located at Dansville, N. Y., forty-eight miles south of Rochester.

The plant is owned by another company, but the fact that the president of The Vick Publishing Company is a stockholder in that company, and has very close relations with its officers, enables The Vick Publishing Company to secure the printing and mailing of the magazine at a rate so much below what printers in large cities charge, as to make a saving of several thousand dollars per annum.

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The eight-story manufacturing and office building is centrally located in Rochester. It was recently built by Mr. Owen, and he now expects that the entire building will eventually be occupied by the various departments of the company. Mr. Owen's interest in the building, amounting to \$50,000, has been transferred to The Vick Publishing Company. The present general offices, now at 62 State Street, will be moved to the new building on. This large building provides for a great increase in the business. Much of the floor space will not be needed by The Vick Publishing Company for some time to come. In the meantime it is well rented to several manufacturing concerns.

The Excellent Management

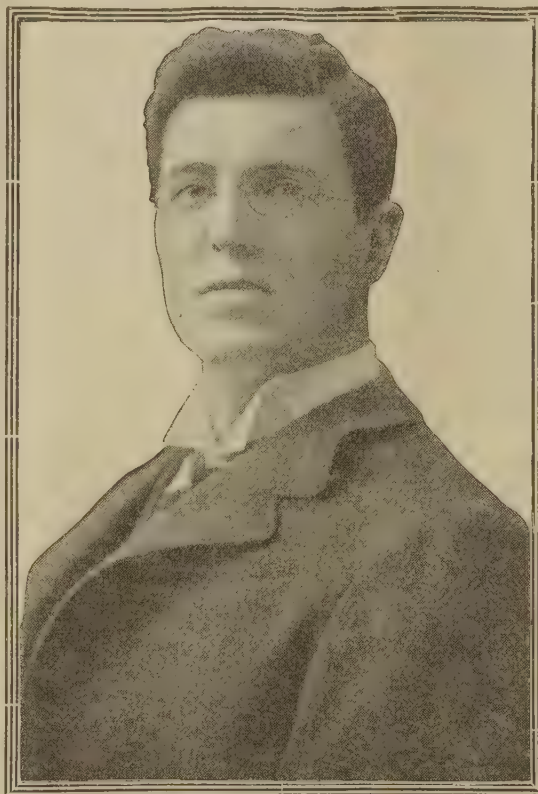
The business of The Vick Publishing Company is under the management of a man of unusual ability and energy, and is growing rapidly.

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FRANCIS C. OWEN

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Few people realize how much money is spent by advertisers, and what enormous fortunes are made by successful publishers. While *Vick's Family Magazine* has a circulation of more than 100,000 copies a month at the present time, and is making good money, it is a small magazine compared with some that have been pushed more aggressively.

For instance, The Woman's Magazine of St. Louis has a circulation of 1,600,000 copies a month, and has a gross yearly income which we estimate at over one million dollars. That enormous business has been built up in about five years by business methods now being applied, for the first time, to *Vick's Family Magazine*.

We have estimated the gross receipts of Munsey's Magazine, for advertising and subscriptions, at fully \$1,650,000, and we have been told that the net profits of that magazine are in excess of \$700,000 a year.

At the time The Ladies' Home Journal of Philadelphia was started *Vick's Family Magazine* had been established for several years, and yet The Ladies' Home Journal has a circulation of more than 1,000,000 copies a month, and an estimated annual income of \$1,400,000.

Comfort, a magazine which is printed on very cheap paper, and which we consider inferior in many ways to *Vick's*, was started in 1888 at Augusta, Maine, by two men who had practically no capital. It now has a circulation of more than 1,250,000 copies a month, and has made its owner, Mr. W. H. Gannett, enormously wealthy.

Here is an extract from an interesting article, concerning Comfort, which appeared in a trade periodical:

"If you should chance to visit Augusta, the capital of Maine, and should walk down the main street, your eye would perhaps light upon a signboard over a small store devoted to the sale of papers and toys, and the inscription reads 'Gannett & Morse.' A little inquiry on your part would reveal what reporters call a 'human interest' story. The partnership which existed between Gannett and Morse when that signboard was erected ceased to exist some fifteen or sixteen years ago. Both men are still alive and in Augusta to-day, but Morse is still behind the counter selling books, papers, toys, and candy, while Gannett is the owner and publisher of a monthly paper called Comfort, which has a circulation of one million and a quarter copies each issue, and has an advertising rate of five dollars an agate line. The partnership existed when the paper was first started, but in the early days of trial, which every enterprise has to go through, a difference of opinion arose between the partners. Morse had not the courage of Gannett and drew out, leaving the latter to reap the reward of his persistence and perseverance."

We might mention a great number of instances where magazines which we consider of less merit than *Vick's* have quickly earned fortunes for their owners.

The company is just putting into operation a series of circulation building plans which we believe will, inside of the next two or three years, give *Vick's Family Magazine* a larger circulation than any other similar publication in the world.

The magazine at the present time has more than 100,000 circulation, is carrying more advertising than any similar magazine in the United States. This is a fine testimony to the ability of Mr. Charles E. Gardner, who is the advertising manager. The net earnings have exceeded 20 per cent. per annum on the entire original stock of the company since the present management took charge of it. Owing to the rapid growth of the circulation, a new advertising rate, twice the rate of 1904, was adopted in February, 1905, and we have been notified by the company that the circulation will probably justify a further increase within one year.

SPECIAL OFFER TO INVESTORS

Everyone who buys stock—even the investor who takes only one share—will receive *Vick's Family Magazine* every month for five years, the amount paid for stock including such subscription.

DIVIDENDS

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On May 1st, a dividend of 5 per cent. (at the rate of 15 per cent. a year) was declared on all stock issued. Dividends, of course, are never paid on stock when it is in the treasury, but as treasury stock is sold the additional capital enables the company to earn additional dividends.

A circulation of five hundred thousand copies of the magazine, which the management is confident the Company will soon attain, should bring the earnings up to a figure which would enable the company to pay 20 to 25 per cent. per annum in dividends on the entire authorized capital stock of \$250,000.

We feel confident that the dividends will never be less than 5 per cent. each four months; and, although we wish to be so conservative in estimating the profits of the future that none of our clients will be disappointed, we do not hesitate to predict dividends amounting, at the very least, to 20 or 25 per cent. a year as soon as the 500,000 circulation mark is reached.

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WHY STOCK IS NOW OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

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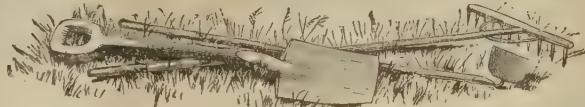
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Among the Vegetables in June.

"Bright sunny June, bright sunny June, The sprightly, the merry, the beautiful June."

The sprightliness of June reminds us that the vegetable garden must see some sprightly happenings if the vegetables already in evidence, and those yet to be planted are kept in thriving condition.

The weeds we always have with us and about their only mission seems to be to harass the tillers of the soil and keep them in a continual state of desperation. We have them in plenty and my wife gathers some crumbs of comfort in the thought that where weeds grow with such abandon, the useful plants will also thrive if allowed the opportunity. Well, with our own place the foul stuff was given a free hand by renters and tenants whose only aim in life seemed to be to gather what grew of its own accord and let the future care for itself. It is often a matter of wonderment that such occupants of the ground so persistently close their eyes to their own interests and allow so much of useless vegetation to grow and continually dodge around the unsightly places instead of clearing them up and making them useful as well as beautiful; but this seems a part of human nature. One tenant complained to me in the fall that with a bountiful crop of apples, there was hardly a salable one in the whole lot. It was not strange I think, for while naturally the trees were bountiful bearers, not a stroke of pruning, spraying or work was done through the entire season. The ground and the trees were ready to perform their part; but were unable to spray or prune or work around themselves. We may have digressed somewhat, but if so it was simply to vent a little spite upon the class of tenants who have no higher aim in life than to rob the ground by taking all that nature will bestow and return nothing.

Timely Work for June.

Of course, I must anticipate to considerable extent, or write of the work to be done in June, several weeks ahead of that date. So the writer must not say what he is doing today but rather what he hopes to do when the beautiful June days are finally here. So to begin with we have the early pea ground, which was sown about the middle of April. Jack Frost gave us several hints of his presence after they were sown, and sometimes turned the grass white and even froze the ground. The peas however, bore it all with bravery and fortitude and have done finely. The vines of the variety sown are half dwarf in habit and occupy but little room so we plant early tomatoes between the rows. Once well established these will look out for their share of fertility and make good growth until the peas are past their usefulness when the vines will be removed and the tomatoes will have full play. Now by September 15th, or near that time these early tomatoes will be mostly out of commission, and the ground will be prepared for planting out onion sets for early spring bunching onions. This we have found a good succession especially when the tomatoes were of dwarf habit. They occupy but little ground at most, and will usually be out of the way in ample time for the onion planting.

This outline will not be practicable for all; but there are plenty of other successions that will be excellent to follow the early peas. Cucumbers for the pickling crop will follow nicely and they can be planted on slight ridges between the rows of peas. I have found no more economical way of growing this crop than sowing in the drill. The seed can be sown quite thickly and after the plants are well established, thin out to give plenty of room.

Wax beans are also in order and June (even up to late in the month,) is entirely timely for the late crop.

Late cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts, should be provided for this month, and with rich seed beds the plants can be grown with little trouble. Many will be able to purchase the plants more cheaply perhaps, than they can grow them; but we prefer the home grown. While young, the plants can not be distinguished one from the other, so to avoid confusion, the beds should be kept separate. Enrich the beds as much as possible, and if the soil is dry, soak it thoroughly before sowing the seed, and if sown early in the month they will be in time for the late crop.

Old Strawberry Beds.

We have one bed, that with this season's crop will have served its day and generation and must go out of commission. The crop will very likely be entirely off by the latter part of the month and the ground will be utilized for root crops for winter table use or feeding. Or a crop of sweet corn of the early varieties: as Early Minnesota, Crosby's Early etc., will easily mature and be ready for the later varieties.

Carrots should go in if possible by the last of June, although a few days later will usually answer very well. Beets and rutabagas will do well if sown early in July; which is also true of winter radishes.

Thus June withal will be a busy month for there are not only the previously planted crops to care for, but many yet to plant and the ground made ready for July seeding.

Preparing for the Fairs.

It is early perhaps, to talk of Fairs; but it is none too early to begin preparations. Agricultural fairs are excellent educators and ought to be patronized by all tillers of the soil. The spirit or ambition to excel is or ought to be present in every man, woman and child, and if governed by the spirit of fairness is always honorable and right. Thus in looking ahead to these enterprises and planning to co-operate we are not only spurred on to better efforts ourselves but are preparing ourselves to glean from the best experiences and efforts of others.

But to be properly equipped for the work of exhibition, and in order that our efforts may stand a fair chance of approval we must be satisfied with nothing short of the best. This means our best efforts from start to finish not only in soil preparation, and seed selection, but cultural conditions as well. So we believe it is not too early to talk of these matters and set our readers to thinking and acting as well, for when fair times come, it is too late for the preliminary work so necessary to a successful outcome. Last year, "our lines were cast in" unpleasant instead of "pleasant places." There were many obstacles to overcome: as poor seed, cold dry weather, innumerable insect pests, and worst of all, thin worn out soil that had for several years past hardly returned the seed that had been sown upon it. It was utterly starved, in so far as humus or decayed vegetable matter was concerned; and this caused it to bake and crust over at every shower that came. We saw to it that plenty of manure was turned under; but even this would do but little good until the second plowing which would mix the fertilizer through the soil. So we had but little to help us out save the most intensive culture. We cultivated and hoed with a vengeance and were able to fully demonstrate that even poor soil, with little moisture could be forced into fair or even good yields by thorough culture.

We found sand burs and other noxious

weeds in plenty, but when fall came there were none left to tell the tale and the garden field of twenty-one acres was said to be the cleanest field in the county. Many crops of course, were not satisfactory, others were highly so, and withal there were much better results than might have reasonably been looked for.

Now when Fair time came, we were in evidence and carried away fourteen first and seven second prizes. Our wagon was not large enough by half else we believe we should have gathered in more. So we argue that interest in, and preparation for exhibiting at Fairs is profitable in many ways.

Assisting Nature.

That is the end to which we are bending all our energies at present. Nature has done much for our home and must not be blamed for any lack of energy or enterprise upon her part. For the shiftlessness of men who have had the charge of it, we have far less to commend or say. There are beauty spots, and with sorrow be it said there are many places not so beautiful. Now it is these unsightly nooks and corners that we are after just at present. It is slow work, for the crops must be put in and cared for and this requires much hard labor; but barring this necessary work we are using all our spare time in cleaning up and renovating these hitherto unsightly and unprofitable places.

Today as I write my wife has been busy with the rake and garden spade in the arrangement of flower beds. Between these beds and some of the now unsightly buildings we hope a little on to have a background of Lima beans trained up and these with the foreground of flowers will serve the double purpose of beauty and utility. Then too, there are piles of old rubbish that have been allowed to accumulate, and they have furnished a safe breeding place for weeds and noxious plants. Well, we are also getting rid of these as rapidly as circumstances will permit. So we find far more demands upon our time than we have hours to devote to the demands. But thus far we find each-day marks some progress made and thus we are encouraged to go on.

With school duties and some play time our two girls find themselves kept pretty busy; but they too are learning that life means something more than the gratification of selfish pleasures, so they too are assisting us at Nature-assisting.

We could find employment for many more hands than the four of us possess; but with well directed efforts we are sure that much progress can be made. Like other members of the human family we are castle-building to some extent and maybe we often strain our eyes to sight our incoming ship. Meantime we are striving to pull steadily at the oars to see if we may not go out to meet it and hasten its coming.

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POULTRY



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Notes.

Poultry and fruit, try them together. Oyster shells won't take the place of grit.

Corn or corn meal is not a good summer food alone.

To insure good health keep the feed and water dishes clean now, as well as the house.

Chicks don't contract scaly leg from the hen that lays the egg, but from the one that broods the chick.

The hens will not require quite so much food after the laying season is over and the weather becomes hot.

Questions and Answers.

With Leghorns and Minorcas which gives you the best results in eggs, the rose or single comb varieties?

The single comb varieties in both Leghorns and Minorcas have given me rather the best results in eggs.—E. L. C., Ohio.

I have kept both single and rose comb Brown Leghorns and Black Minorcas and find very little if any difference in the number of eggs laid. The Rose Comb Minorca eggs do not run quite as even and large with me as the single comb.—H. C., Pa.

I think there is no difference in laying qualities of a rose or single comb bird. The reason the single combs are apt to lay more is that there are a great many more of them bred, so there is a greater selection. I do not believe that the rose combs are better winter layers than the single combs because the single combs freeze. Houses that are so cold that will freeze a single comb are also too cold for a rose comb.—H. P. Ketcham, N. Y.

My experience has been that the rose comb Leghorns, both Brown and white with ordinary care in cold climate produce a few more eggs in winter than the single comb, for the reason that the rose comb setting close to the head is not so likely to become frosted as the single comb. If the latter variety is well protected from the cold I believe the results will be the same. With Minorcas for large, even size white eggs the single comb has done best for me. In the number of eggs no difference. In the question of prolific layers I believe there is more in the strain than in the breed of either kind.—V. M. C.

Have never had any experience with the rose comb varieties. I suppose the advantages claimed by some are that they are less liable to freeze. We never have any trouble in this way with the single comb varieties. We give them plenty of exercise and oxygen which keep them healthy and hardy.—John G. Whitten, Genoa, N. Y.

What breed of Bantams do you find the hardest, best layers and most suitable too close confinement?

The Game and Cochins Bantams have proved the hardest with me, the Polish and Japanese the most delicate. The Sebrights and Games the best layers. As to close confinement no difference.—H. C., Pa.

The Sebrights, Rose Combed Black and White and Game Bantams are best all round birds. The Cochins are good sitters and stand confinement well but are poor layers.—H. P. Ketcham, N. Y.

With Bantams of all breeds, as with the large fowls, there are good, bad and indifferent in laying qualities and hardiness. The Cochins while not as good layers as some other breeds have proved very hardy with me and do well in close confinement. The Sebrights, Rose Comb, Brahmas and Games are all quite hardy and fairly good layers, and a Bantam of any breed will bear close confinement full better than the larger breeds.—V. M. C.

What style of poultry house has given you best satisfaction?

The house I am using and which is giving good satisfaction is forty by twelve feet, facing south, six foot posts, double boarded with paper between to prevent all draughts. It has a gable roof

with collar beams on which are placed boards a few inches apart and the gable filled with a foot and one-half of well packed straw, with ventilators in the ends of the gables to keep the packing dry. The roosts are on the north side of the house and nest boxes underneath dropping board with hinged board in front. The past winter has been a very cold one, but I had a part of the windows, the glass, taken out and sash covered with cotton sheeting. I had splendid results and no frozen combs. Another winter I shall make a frame just the size of the droppings platform with lath six inches apart placed about two feet above fowls and filled with straw, with curtains tacked to this to drop down in front of the fowls at night while at rest. During the day I want them to have plenty of exercise and fresh air, with this method of ventilation and an "automatic feeder" for exercise, we have no use for a scratching shed.—John G. Whitten, Genoa, N. Y.

For a house to contain a single flock of hens, say twenty-five or thirty head I prefer a building fourteen to sixteen feet long and twelve feet wide, single pitch or shed roof seven or eight feet high in front and five feet in rear, covered with the best roofing material obtainable, sided with matched lumber and wall lined with tarred paper, dirt floor, two windows of four six-light sash facing south, door in end, perches in rear two feet from floor, and nests on the wall eighteen inches above the floor. For a low priced handy house this gives me best satisfaction.—H. C., Pa.

The single pitch roof about nine feet high in front and five feet in rear to face the south. These dimensions are for a house twelve feet wide and twenty or more feet long.—H. P. Ketcham, N. Y.

For a handy poultry house at a moderate cost the one with connecting pens on the long continuous plan suits me best. With the small houses on the colony plan but eighty to one hundred hens can be kept on an acre, while with one long house and suitable yards four to five hundred hens can be kept on the same area of ground. I consider the style of roof the most important part in making a good dry warm poultry house. The single pitch roof is quickly and easily constructed but unless a good slant is given, shingles will not be durable, and only other roofing materials can be used, and another objection is that unless it is made high little or no room is given to put in straw overhead to dry out and ventilate the room. This is important and a double pitch roof gives ample room above to pack in straw, but whatever height or style the house is I would recommend filling all available space above with straw to take up the moisture; then with an opening at each end to dry this out the building will be free from dampness. A tight house with a low roof means a damp room every time. Another important part is the floor. If I can have a good dry solid earth floor I prefer it to any other. The greatest drawback to board floor is that rats and other vermin harbor under it and cause a great deal of trouble. A cement floor with a few inches of sand on it makes one of the best. Roosts so arranged that the perches can be easily raised or removed to clean out the dropping quickly is a great advantage, and two feet from the floor is high enough for them. I prefer to have the nests against the wall and as far away from the roost as practicable. In the question of windows my experience and observation has led me in favor of the muslin curtains, instead of glass, then protect the hens on cold nights with a box or curtain roost, and you have a dry healthy house, and I no

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longer believe it necessary to have double walls papered between. A house so built as to shut out all draughts and a warm roosting place is the main part. A room or pen ten by twelve feet or ten by fourteen feet is about right and I find that fifteen to twenty fowls can be kept in a pen of this size nicely. When more than twenty are to be kept a scratching shed is advisable, but for some time past I have used an automatic feeder and exerciser in the main room and with this I find the shed unnecessary. It is well for the poultryman who is going into the business to much extent to give the matter of building houses careful consideration before starting in, as it will mean a good deal to him in the future.

—V. M. C.
The following questions have been submitted for next month:

How do you stop feather pulling among the hens?

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Questions Answered.

Would you advise using stale bakers bread for poultry at a cost of twenty-five cents a barrel?—W. S. B. I certainly would, you can make an excellent mash by softening the bread in hot water, then add two parts corn meal, three parts bran and one part beef scraps.

I have a flock of twenty-five hens yarded in rather small space. Do you think they would do any better by letting them out fifteen or twenty minutes each day?—Mrs. H. L. During the summer season I should say that if they are allowed their freedom regularly each day they will derive some benefit, but if they can be let out only two or three times a week there will not be much improvement.

How Many Eggs Should a Hen Lay?

BY A. V. MEERSCH.

The number of eggs, that a hen may be expected to lay during the year is a matter of importance to most poultry keepers who wish to make a profit from their fowls. So many statements are made, as to the laying power of hens and these statements vary so extremely, that the amateur can form but a very slight opinion as to whether his fowls are doing their duty properly or not. Professional poultry keepers have sometimes asserted that their hens will average from 200 to 250 eggs each in the year. Such statements are apt to create dissatisfaction in the minds of the large number of people who keep only a few fowls in a back yard, and who naturally think they ought to obtain almost double the quantity of eggs that they receive. But even if these figures can be relied upon, they are not an average result and are only obtained from particular birds, carefully bred and selected for some years for their laying qualities.

It is to be regretted, that so few poultry keepers keep a record of the number of eggs laid by their hens during the year. Such particulars would be of great assistance both to themselves and others. So many new and useful breeds have been added to our list of poultry during the last thirty years that it is most probable that the general average of eggs has increased. The useful qualities of some of these fowls, have been the reason for their popularity. Such as Leghorns, Minorcas, Wyandottes and Langshans for example, have proved most valuable, and for egg production, the first three of these cannot be surpassed.

White Leghorns are renowned both here and in other countries as wonderfully prolific layers. In these States, they are justly called "The business hen." The Minorca though not quite so hardy as the White Leghorn, is a splendid layer of large white eggs. Mr. Wright, states that one breeder of Minorcas found four pens of hens averaged 220 eggs each; that another of seven hens averaged 184 and a third averaged 180 eggs. From some statistics that have been obtained from amateurs, who keep only a few fowls it appears that half a dozen Leghorn hens averaged 126 eggs each; six Minorcas 114 eggs each, eight Langshans 109 eggs each and two lots of mixed bred fowls 104 eggs each; these were all from birds that had been specially selected for laying, but which

were young and were fed and treated with ordinary care.

It has been stated on reliable authority, that on some farms, hens that are kept in large numbers will yield from 150 to 170 eggs each per annum. These hens have been bred and fed for egg production, are young birds, and are managed in the most business-like manner. There is no doubt that in the majority of our poultry yards, the hens do not lay as many eggs as they ought. They are often too old and are generally improperly fed and not kept clean. But having regard to the above particulars, poultry keepers in general may reasonably expect their hens to average from 100 to 120 eggs each during the year. This number even should allow a fair margin for profit, but it can only be obtained from fowls in their first or second season. Old hens will prove a source of loss and will seldom lay more than forty to sixty eggs in the twelve months.

Squab Raising.

Note.—This series of articles was begun in the February issue. Those desiring to ask questions will please address the author, Mr. J. A. Summers, Chalfont, Pa., inclosing stamp.—Ed.

The feeding of pigeons and the kind of feed to give them are the most essential things about squab raising. The feed may be of the best quality but if one does not know just how to feed they are

as bad off as though they were giving their birds poor feed. There are various squab companies starting up who advise beginners to use their self-feeders (a device which, when filled up, will last for a week or two), but practical squab raisers never adopt such a plan just because it is labor saving, or in other words a lazy way of attending birds. It is a fact, pigeons should have plenty to eat so they can fill their young but it is not necessary to have feed wasted as it is sure to be where self-feeders are used. They will pick out the grains they like best and leave the rest to be strewn about the floor and become foul. Do not apply too much theory to raising pigeons; the true common sense way is best. It stands to reason that pigeons with a keen appetite will rear heartier and fatter squabs than those who are continually eating from an unnatural feeder. The proper way to feed pigeons is with a hopper made about six inches wide with inch sides and as long as desired. Feed in these troughs twice a day, soon after daylight in the morning and three or four in the afternoon. Feed just as much as they will eat up clean at a meal but be sure they have sufficient. When they have a quantity of young to feed you must give them more; when there are no young of course less and so on. The squab raiser must use his or her own judgment. Their receptacle for drinking water should be kept clean and fresh water given daily.

In summer twice or three times a day. Give them a vessel large enough so they can have a bath when they wish. They must have it to be healthy and are very fond of it even in the coldest weather. Give them a boxful of ground salt to pick at, this is also very essential.

Grit of some nature they must have to promote digestion and ground oyster shells (small size) is very good to help form eggs. As for grit I would advise the use of Forests' Health Grit. It is a standard article used by all squab raisers and gives to the birds the desired vigor and snap. Sick birds are seldom seen where this is used. Lack of grit is the main cause of sickness among pigeons.

Wheat is the main staple food, but there are so many varieties that one must be careful in purchasing. Never feed the white variety, it produces scouring among the squabs. Do not feed too new wheat of any variety as it has the same effect. Get good sound hard red wheat either winter or spring, the latter is preferred and the older the better. It is the best to get the spring wheat screenings if it can be procured. It contains a variety of seeds other than the wheat and is very wholesome for the birds and produces the fattest squabs. In buying winter wheat be careful to see that there is no rye in it, if there is don't buy it at any price as rye, even if fed in small quantities will produce bad effects. All grains no matter what they be, must be sweet and hard.

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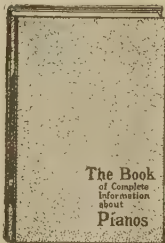
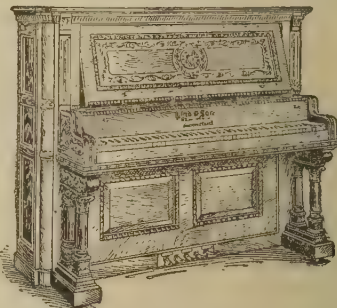
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Mother's Meeting

(Continued from page ten.)

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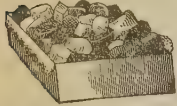
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FRUIT NOTES

Fertilizing the Berry Beds.

There is no mistake that most kinds of berries are gross feeders, and generally speaking, fertilizing and culture sum up the difference between success and failure. Of course, the proper time to begin this work is before the fruit plants are set. Now it sometimes happens that this is omitted, (or the fertilizing process at least,) and then if done at all (which it certainly ought) it is done at serious disadvantage. Now let it be understood that I do not advocate the practice in general but circumstances oftentimes compel us to do, if not the best thing, the best that we can. In my absence last year, a patch was set to strawberries, which had not been manured for some time. The ground is strong by nature, but vegetable matter could have helped the texture as well as other conditions. The plants were set in the fall and no previous crop was grown; but there was thorough culture and considerable vegetable matter was added to the soil by plowing the ground three times and otherwise working it. It was weedy but millions of the pests were destroyed by allowing them to grow up and turning under before the seed matured.

This is not altogether a commendable practice; but it seemed the only alternative. Then too, we argued that the three growths of weeds would add much to the supply of vegetable matter, and the repeated plowings of themselves, with our particular soil conditions, would nearly if not quite equal a crop of manure. But we are by no means resting with this treatment alone but are following it up with a hill dressing of fine hen manure. Then in late August or September or about the time the fruit buds are forming for next year, we hope to supplement this with a liberal dressing of commercial fertilizer. Still a little later on, we shall top-dress the entire patch with fine stale manure and by thoroughly working into the ground with the cultivator, we believe the soil will be in very fair condition for the winter mulch. We are not expecting a full crop of fruit this season as the plants were fall set; but barring accidents there should be some berries, and our chief hope is for the next season's crop. We like spring setting better, but the ground could not be made available, so it was simply to do the best we could.

With the bush fruits there is better opportunity for after fertilizing than with the strawberries. Being long standing crops, the fertility can be added from year to year; but this by no means argues that in different fertilizing and culture are in any way ideal practices to follow.

Continuous Rows.

For raspberries and blackberries, we still adhere to the theory that hill culture is preferable to wide continuous rows. Previous to our occupancy of our own place, or while it was under other management, this latter plan was followed entirely and we are reaping the harvest of folly. Many argue that to have the fruit, we must have the canes and so the rows must be wide and full. This theory may be true as to numbers but never, I think, as to quality and bulk of crop. We have the wide full rows and spite of all effort to the contrary have to see the sod and rank growth of noxious weeds constantly encroaching, while year by year the cane growth is less vigorous. So for future plantings, we shall adhere to the hill system and leave the wide rows for those who admire them.

For small gardens, where but little space is available, the bushes can be handled if the ground is nearly or quite all occupied; but in that case, heavy mulching may take the place, to a great extent at least, of culture. Plenty of mulching will keep down foreign growth and hold moisture so that large crops may be grown from year to year. But of course, this plan can hardly be adopted with large areas, so we must adapt our methods of culture to circumstances.

When the new growth of canes has reached a proper height, then the leaders ought to be pinched back to allow the

growth of laterals. This cannot be done all at once but it will be necessary to go over the bushes from time to time and catch them as they attain the proper height. We like early spring better than fall for the general pruning and thinning as then we are better able to determine just what is best to remove. A few vigorous canes are better than a dozen weaklings, so in pruning them it is best that only the fittest survive and spring will better determine this than the fall.

Currants and Gooseberries.

We have had quite a session also with these fruits or rather, bushes this season. The growth has been allowed to accumulate from year to year so there was little opportunity for new wood to get a start. Some of the old growths had fallen down and were nearly hidden from sight by the grass and more recent growths of wood. It might be argued that these might better have been grubbed out altogether; but it seemed preferable to us to dig around them and prune and give them a chance for their lives, at least until we could get other bushes into bearing. So we have followed the scriptural injunction to dig around and dung them and try them yet another year. Some of the varieties are well worth propagating and increasing which, we aim to do, while others will be replaced by newer and better kinds.

Late Pruning of Grapes.

The excessive depth of snow prevented February and early March pruning, and the work after being begun was interrupted by unusually late ice and sleet storms followed by warm weather which caused bleeding of the vines. In consequence we had to delay the work until growth started and thus part of the pruning came when other work was crowding. We regret these mishaps; but they sometimes come, perhaps just to show us that we are better preachers than practitioners. Then too, it may be worth something as an experiment to determine which is better the early or late pruning. We shall endeavor to take note of it and thus the experience may be worth something to others as well as ourselves. Successes as well as failures are well worth the telling, for the failures if told may prevent others from a like fate.

A Promising Outlook.

At present writing, while too early in our location to make reliable guesses on any of the fruits, yet the prospects for at least fair crops are encouraging. This is hardly in keeping with the generally accepted rule that famine usually follows a feast. Last season in this locality, the fruit crop of all kinds, raspberries and blackberries excepted, was abnormally large. The strawberry crop suffered severely by drouth although in the early season an enormous crop seemed certain. This crop at present is promising but it is not yet too late for serious results from late frosts. It is hopeful that Jack will refrain from late pranks and consequent depredations so that we may enjoy the fruits of our labors in the strawberry crop at least.

Prices for these three crops ruled high last year, and this has doubtless encouraged extensive plantings this season. A year or two hence these larger areas will increase competition, and hereby hangs a tale of:

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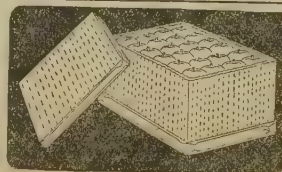
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FARM NOTES



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We have long since dispensed with the fixed or permanent hog house upon our farm, and instead, believing them to be a veritable harbor for vermin and disease, have adopted the plan of single houses five feet square, shed roofed and three feet front elevation, two feet in the rear and made portable so that they may be tilted upon a low sled or wagon and moved from yard to field or back again. These houses can be readily fumigated in case of disease, and moved away to clean locations. We seldom raise two litters of pigs in the same quarters and never fatten out two bunches of grown hogs in the same place. Instead we shift their houses about and plow up the enriched plot upon which we raise a crop of pumpkins, squashes or a soiling crop as sorghum, rape or sweet corn to feed to the growing pigs during the drouth of early autumn. We know of many hog yards that are kept permanently for an owners life time. While the owner is growing poorer from loss by cholera and plague by this disease infested bed, this soil which is growing richer in fertility is not allowed to return what it should to its owner—wealth.

We have accomplished by the abandonment of permanent yards the very objectionable "hog wallow" and mud hole which is not in the least essential to the rearing of healthy and wholesome swine. In our case this is supplanted by suitable shade and pure clean water to drink, which is much more agreeable to our taste and care and we doubt not also that of the swine.

The advancement along other lines of farm operations appeal to our reason also in advanced methods of caring for our swine if we would read the full benefit of their keeping and have the balance heaviest on our side of the ledger.

The Useful Toad.

A naturalist has found some very interesting facts concerning the diet of the toad-frog, and it is found that it is a benefactor of the farmer and gardener. It eats caterpillars and cutworms, beetles, sow-bugs, snails, grasshoppers, moths, wireworms and potato bugs, all of which damage a farmer's crops or his goods to a serious degree.

And the toad eats plenty of them too. In one stomach seventy-seven thousand-legged worms were found; in another were thirty-seven tent caterpillars. Sixty-five gypsy moths were found in the stomach of a third, and fifty-five army worms in a fourth. Eighty-six house worms were said to have disappeared down the throat of one toad in less than ten minutes; and the record of stuffing is held by another, who was still hungry after consuming ninety bugs. According to this observer, in ninety days a single toad may destroy 2,160 cutworms, 1,860 thousand-legs, 2,160 sow-bugs and 360 weevils.

Bee farming is fast coming to be recognized as a woman's industry, so successfully have women taken it up. Not only do farmers' wives often net from their hives a larger annual income than their husbands are able to make in the same period from the produce of their farms, but fashionable women are following it at their country places, with the result that they are able to regale their friends during the winter with "honey that I grew myself." Mrs. Jacob Antes, Jr., of Deerfield, Ill., who has made a reputation for herself and her honey in that part of the world, says that, beginning with one swarm that came into her yard, she now has twenty-five strong colonies. They have cost her little besides her care of them, and they have

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Pure Water For The Farm-house.

A country home, especially a farmhouse, should never be undertaken without a bountiful supply of pure water. A first rate cistern is just as important as a good well. The water for the kitchen should never be left dependent on frequent showers. To be out of washing water for a month at a time is a terrible burden to a housewife, and for wells to be dry in hot weather involves not only suffering, but danger to health and life. The water from a shallow well is never safe, and after a drouth the water goes in through the cracks, carrying surface pollution of all sorts. I find occasionally a farmhouse where brook water is the main supply, but, unfortunately, the increase of population leaves few of these brooks safe for drinking, except directly at the fountain head. If I were about to create a country home I would consider the possession of a drilled well of importance equal to that of a barn or house. I have three dug wells, but my experience leads me to believe it to be unwise to use water from them, even in the winter season. Chemical analysis does not always settle the question. By all means have a drilled well. Place it where you can have the water from it carried to both the house and the barn. Do not think that bad water is safe for animals to drink, any more than for human beings. It will certainly affect the milk, if it does not sicken the cow. You can carry water from a drilled well directly into your stalls, and provide for drainage in connection with the liquid manure. In this way animals can drink when they choose, and not when they must. If possible, have your well on ground above your buildings, so that it can be conducted by pipes into the kitchen, as well as the stables. Put it down as the best economy to have water, water, water—and pure water at that.—Tribune Farmer.

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BY MRS. W. M. KNOER.

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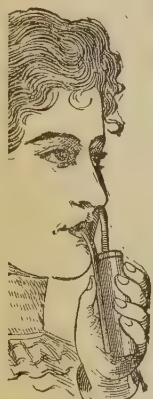
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When a colony has its hive full of comb, and the combs well filled with honey and brood, with plenty of bees to cover all the combs, they are then quite sure to make the final preparations for swarming, provided honey is coming in freely.

It is by observing these preparations that the bee-keeper is able to tell almost to a day when they will swarm. Bees clustering on the outside of the hive is no indication of swarming, as they often do so for weeks and not swarm. But if they should all, of their own accord go into the hive some morning they are likely to swarm within a few hours, unless their going in is due to cooler weather or a sudden moving up into the boxes. The only way to be reasonably sure is to take out the brood combs and see if they have Queen cells started. There is usually one to two dozen of these in each hive; a favorite place for them is on the edge of a comb, or on the upper edge of any hole or opening that may be in them. They are about one to one and one half inches long and three eighths to one half inch in diameter, when finished and sealed, and the outside is rough much like a peanut shuck. They are built with the opening at the lower end, like a cup turned bottom side up, and as the Queen develops she is head downward, one might say standing on her head. When not in use these cells are gnawed down by the bees so they are only about one fourth inch deep, so if one finds any that are partly built up it is best to look into them as they may contain eggs. If they do the colony is quite sure to swarm in from six to nine days. In this case you cannot figure within three days as one cannot tell whether the egg is one hour, or three days old. While in the larval state one can by careful observation tell to a day how old they are, then you can figure from the following plan, from which they seldom deviate.

A Queen is three days in the egg; six days as an unsealed larva; on the ninth day they are sealed with a thin porous substance; then the colony is ready to swarm and is most sure to do so the following day. But if the day is stormy or there is strong wind they usually wait for better weather. Most of the swarming occurs between 9 A. M., and 2 P. M., but if the day is hot and still they may come out earlier or later. Just before they come out there is unusual excitement at the entrance, bees are running one to another, back into the hive and out, much as if saying, come on, come on, or taking a last taste, or looking at the rich stores which they are leaving. There are a few dozen circling in the air near the hive, soon there are hundreds, thousands, and still they pour out pell mell, over each other and any way to get out, and join the great flock, thirty and possibly, forty thousand. They fly around in a space about as large as a house and make a wonderful roaring noise for a few minutes, then all cluster on some object, usually the limb of a tree

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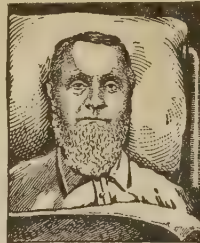
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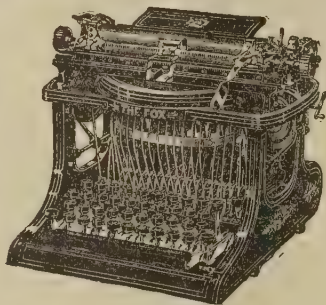
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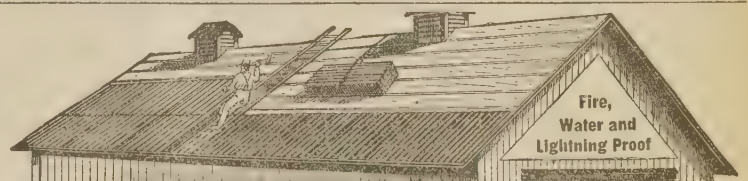
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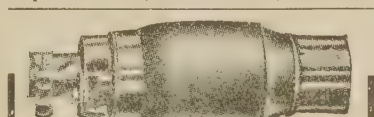
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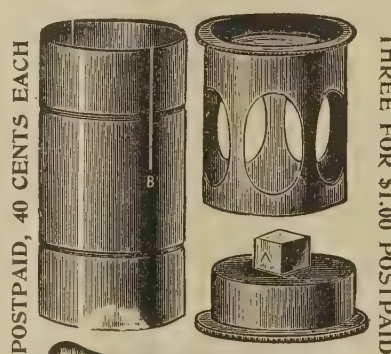
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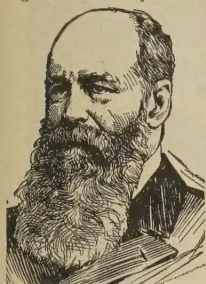


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Fruit Notes

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and in many instances, careless of their own interests. Advertisements were run in many of the local papers inviting the people to come and pick the finest apples in the orchards at five to ten cents per bushel. What was the result? Simply that Eastern apples were quoted at fair prices in our largest markets, during the whole winter. This may have been a wise course to pursue; but it is hard to see the wisdom. I never recall the time when first class fruit of any kind, if nicely put up, had to go begging. I remember a season when pears were thought to be a drug in the Detroit market, and the ordinary receipts went begging at fifty cents per bushel. My own crop was not better than many others which were being fed to the hogs; yet with care in grading and putting up in nice shape I had no trouble in selling my grades at seventy-five cents, one dollar and one dollar and forty cents per bushel.

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This practice holds good with all kinds of fruit and the sooner that growers recognize the truth of it and put it in practice the better. Last season, being short of cherries, we bought and paid for a bushel of so-called first class fruit. After paying for them and taking them home we decided to measure them and there were twenty-eight instead of thirty-two quarts; and many of those were entirely unfit for use. From that on, our patronage went to other growers, and thus it should do. If growers will persist in putting up such fruit, then consumers ought to insist on buying only at the price of culls. *J. E. Morse.*

We Two in Arcadie.

We two have been to Arcadie—
But it was long ago;
The wild syringa blossomed there,
Gold heart set sweet in snow,
And crimson salmon-berrybells—
Ah, me! so long ago.

We two went into Arcadie
Without one backward glance;
Deep through the brown breast of
the earth

The sun had sent his lance,
And every flower straightway sprung
Up from her long, sweet trance.

Still, still I know in Arcadie
The blossoms fall like snow
On happy lovers—as they fell
On us so long ago!

But oh, my love, through Arcadie
No more shall we two go.
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That cometh back no more to thee—
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From the Arabic.

Selected.

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than to turn pale. *Cicero.*

The more we study, the more we dis-
cover our ignorance. *Shelley.*

A man's own business does not defile
his fingers. *Italian Proverb.*

Choose such pleasures as recreate much
and cost little. *Fuller.*

Much bending breaks the bow; much
unbending the mind. *Bacon.*

Depotism may govern without faith,
but liberty can not. *De Toqueville.*

Religion would not have enemies if it
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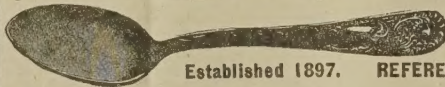
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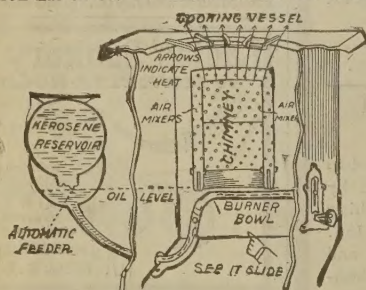
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Thousands a Week.

Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over



SECTIONAL CUT OF GENERATOR.

the U. S.--that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements.

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What pleasure to just turn on the oil--light the gas--a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think; a little kerosene oil--one match

--light--a beautiful blue gas flame--hottest fire--always ready--quick meals--a gas stove in your home.

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NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

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Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we reproduce them:

L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel--at least 50 to 75 per cent over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen--so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Neb., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

J. A. Shaffer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil--entirely free from smoke or smell--great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion--can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

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Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted--Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others--no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode."

Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison--far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt--no trouble. Is perfectly safe--no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Charles L. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove--no coal yard, plumbing, ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes breakfast

is ready. No danger from an explosion--no smoke no dirt--simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal."

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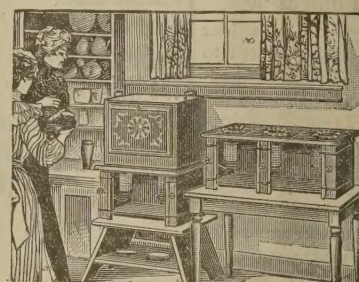
J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer.

Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation--in fact uses one in his own home--is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes--1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout--thoroughly tested before shipping--sent out complete--ready for use as soon as received--nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



How to Get One.

All our lady reader who want to enjoy the pleasure of a gas stove--the cheapest, cleanest and safest fuel--save $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ on fuel bills and do their cooking, baking, ironing and canning fruit at small expense should have one of these remarkable stoves.

Space prevents a more detailed description, but these oil-gas stoves will bear out the most exacting demand for durability and satisfactory properties.

If you will write to the only makers, **The World Mfg. Co., 5887 World Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio**, and ask for their illustrated pamphlet describing this invention and also letters from hundreds of delighted users you will receive much valuable information.

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Don't Fail to Write Today.

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A wonderful wave of excitement has swept over the country, for where shown these Oil-Gas Stoves have caused great excitement. Oil-Gas fuel is so economical and delightful that the sales of these Stoves last month were enormous and the factory is rushed with thousands of orders.

Many of our readers have spare time, or are out of employment and others are not making a great deal of money, and we advise them to write to the firm and secure an agency for this invention. Exhibit this stove before 8 or 10 people and you excite their curiosity and should be able to sell 5 or 8 and make \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day. Why should people live in penury or suffer hardships for the want of plenty of money when an opportunity of this sort is open.

